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## Frantz Selected To Speak At Drug Seminar In April

by Dale Fiske  
Advertiser News Municipal Writer

James Frantz, crime prevention and court officer for the detective bureau of the Agawam Police Department, has been chosen to make a presentation at the National Program Development Workshop in New Orleans, April 30th to May 2nd.

The workshop is sponsored by the federal Department of Education in Washington, D.C., in an effort to bring people involved in Adelphi University's Drug and Alcohol Prevention Program together to share thoughts and ideas.

Frantz has been heavily involved in the Adelphi University Program that was first introduced to the Agawam Public Schools two years ago. The university is located on Long Island.

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## Standard Dedicates I-Park Site

by Dale Fiske  
Advertiser News Municipal Writer

Standard Uniform of Walnut Street Extension, Agawam, dedicated its new building site in the Agawam Regional Industrial Park, Wednesday, March 5th. The new facility will be on land that faces Silver Street.

According to plant Manager Mark Haymes, who is also president of the Agawam Chamber of Commerce, "We're taking our employees over to the site for this ceremony announcing the future home of the company because we want to include them so they will feel like a part of everything."

Presently, the building the company is housed in occupies 20,000 square feet, but the business is outgrowing this space. The new structure will provide 15,000 to 20,000 additional square feet that is needed for the expansion project.

Haymes estimates that it will be two years before the company moves to the Industrial Park. He said, "We've already started planning but it's complex and there are many things to consider."

One phase of planning is talking with employees from each department to ascertain their specific needs

in those areas. Haymes also wants to hear his employees' ideas on what they would like to see done at the new facility.

He commented, "This organization is the people, not the building. This new facility is for my people. They're the ones who have to be here everyday."

Another planning concern that has to be dealt with is complying with environmental regulations. Water pollution, air pollution, and disposing of hazardous waste are just a few of the areas that must be addressed, Haymes told us.

"This business is a people business. We rent uniforms to 6,000 people. That makes our business personal. We try to customize our programs as best we can to fit our customers' needs," he said.

Standard Uniform started 53 years ago in Dorchester (near Boston) as Standard Manufacturing Company. The plant has been a part of Agawam's economic community since September 1966 when it moved from its location in Springfield's North End. That site is now part of Route 291.

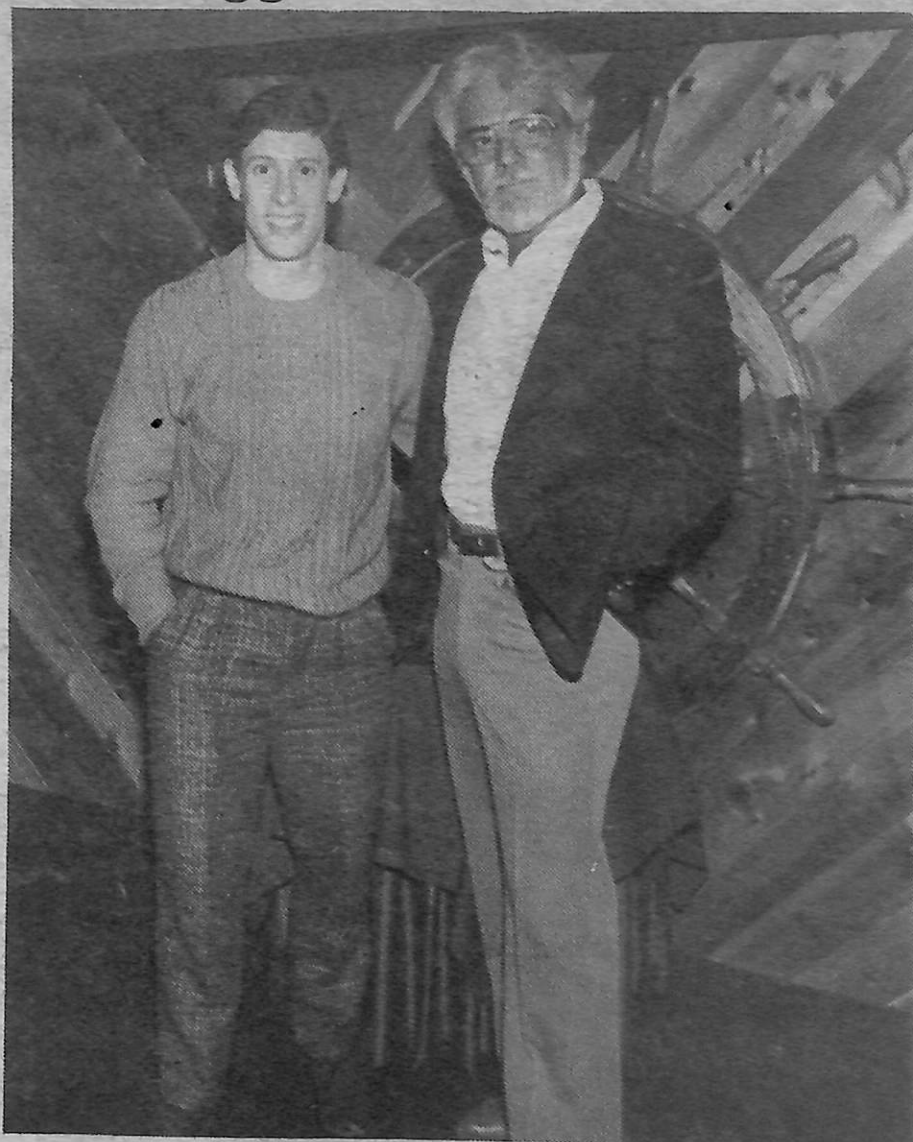
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## International Supper At AHS



DANNY & JOHN HANRAHAN sample Italian cookies at an international-style pot-luck supper put on at the Agawam High School, Thursday, March 6th, as the school continued its observance of "National Foreign Language Week." Advertiser News photo by Jack Devino.

## Tim Dagget & Ernie...



U.S. OLYMPIAN TIM DAGGETT of West Springfield and his family enjoyed the hospitality and food of Ernie's Steak and Seafood Restaurant last week. Posing with Daggett is Ernie Lombardi, owner and operator of the popular River Road restaurant. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devino.



**FRANTZ - From Page 1...****Share What Agawam Is Doing**

Frantz today said he was honored by being selected to speak at this prestigious conference. "I will be speaking on behalf of Agawam to share what this town is doing about drug and alcohol prevention. There are a lot of people in town who are involved in this program. It's a real tribute to Agawam."

Police Chief Stanley J. Chmielewski said that being selected to speak at the workshop is a tribute to Frantz as well. "Jim puts a lot of time and effort into this program and he is dedicated," Chmielewski said. "Jim is so into the program it's infectious."

The Adelphi Project is divided into five nationwide districts and each of the districts select only outstanding regions and representatives to speak at the conference. "Only the cream of the crop is selected to make presentations in New Orleans," said Chmielewski.

Frantz's lecture will focus on the effectiveness that police departments and police officers can have by their involvement in drug and alcohol programs such as the one employed by Adelphi University.

Frantz said, "This program has excellent results. It opens up lines of communication between students, teachers, police, and people in the community."

How the police approach their involvement in the prevention plan is of primary importance, according to Frantz. "The police have to build-up a trust with school people and with the community. It just isn't a one-time thing."

"Once you can gain people's trust, then communication lines open-up and you can work with them," he said.

The government is also interested in Frantz's presentation, according to Chmielewski. The official in-charge of coordinating the Department of Education's input into the Adelphi Program will be attending Frantz's presentation in New Orleans.

**Police Can Be Effective**

"I was told the government is interested in Jim's expertise regarding how police departments can be effective in their involvement with this program in schools and in the community," Chmielewski said.

Frantz first became interested in the Adelphi Program in 1983 and has been associated with the university since February 1984. He is constantly traveling to help implement the various Adelphi programs in other communities. He trains people in school districts throughout the Northeast in drug and alcohol prevention programs. He is also instrumental in instructing peer and leadership groups.

Frantz develops all of his own programs. "I design each program to suit a specific community's needs."

The main thrust is on facilitation and communication skills."

Since January, Frantz has been on the road 11 times to spread the word on drug and alcohol prevention. He has had a direct impact on over 30 schools within this time period.



**POLICE CHIEF STANLEY J. CHMIELEWSKI (left) is quite proud of detective Jim Frantz for being selected to speak at a Drug-Alcohol Conference in New Orleans in late April.** Advertiser News

photo by Jack Devine.

"The results have been excellent," he told us. "You can see the changes in the outlook of the communities involved. The program is dynamite and I hope it continues to grow."

## Summer Jobs Available At Shea's Field Camp

The Agawam Summer Day Camp and Pre-School Camp at Shea's Field are again seeking enterprising applicants.

Applications are available at the Agawam Town Manager's Office, located in Agawam Town Hall, 36 Main Street.

Individuals who have previously been employed in the department's summer camp program will have preference, but Director Jack Kunasek reminds everyone that all must file an application to be considered.

Applicants must be residents of Agawam who are high school graduates or will be graduating this June. Applicants also must be furthering their education, preferably in the social service's field. A water lifesaving certificate is an advantage, but not necessary.

The camp program will run from Monday, June 30th to Friday, August 15th, for a total of seven weeks. Daily hours for camp will be 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday to Friday. Camp will be closed Friday, July 4th.

Applications may be picked up Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., in the Town Manager's Office (Personnel Department).

Completed applications must be returned to the Town Manager's Office by Friday, May 2nd.

All applicants will be contacted for interviews by the recreation director. Interviews will be held in the Recreation Office which is now located at the Agawam High School, right driveway, rear entrance.

Positions available will be:

One camp director who must have an extensive background in physical education or recreation, with strong emphasis on program planning.

Fourteen leaders with various strong points in tennis, arts and crafts, team sports, etc.

Two leaders for the pre-school program.

One position for camp maintenance.

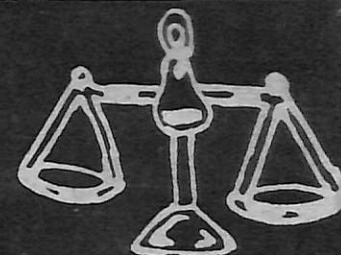
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## Development Manual Released By Charles, Planning Office

by Dale Fiske  
Advertiser News Municipal Writer

Town Manager Reid S. Charles earlier this week announced the completion of the **Agawam Development Process Handbook**. Charles said over six months of work had gone into the manual that is now available to the public upon request.

The guide was developed by Charles and the town's Office of Planning and Community Development "to take some of the confusion" out of receiving the necessary permits from the various town agencies when individuals or firms wish to erect a commercial or industrial structure. It also applies to residential building as well.

"The manual is designed to make it easier for people to deal with Town Hall," Charles today told us. "We're not here to throw-up roadblocks."

Deborah Dachos, director of Planning and Community Development coordinated the drafting and completion of the manual. She said, "Hopefully, this will help people save time and money when they apply for their necessary building permits."

The manual is a comprehensive text that addresses every permit an individual or firm may need. Explanations are given under each permit heading as to the purpose for that particular permit. Procedures needed to be followed are also outlined.

The front of the manual provides a summary chart that encompasses the correct town departments to go to when applying for a permit; the cost of each permit; and the duration of time it takes the town to issue a permit.

Flow charts are also provided that respond to the permit requirements for one-and-two family dwellings, multi-family dwellings, and commercial and industrial construction.

In the back of the book there is a separate section that lists the legislation that governs development in Agawam. Local, state, and federal regulations are given as they pertain to each permit. "This make referral very easy," said Ms. Dachos.

All department heads at the Agawam Town Hall are listed in the back of the book to assist anyone having questions of any kind, said Ms. Dachos.

Charles said other town department heads who worked on the manual included Joseph Conte, building inspector; Ronald Young, health officer, John Stone, superintendent of Public Works; Russell Jenks, fire chief; and Louis Draghetti, sealer of Weights and Measures.

"Many hours of work went into preparing this manual and we believe it will be an asset to the community," said Charles.

## Peirce Committee Meets With Architects

by Dale Fiske  
Advertiser News Municipal Writer

Peirce Building Committee members, Police Chief Stanley J. Chmielewski, Town Manager Reid Charles, and Douglas Goodman, representative from architects Rhinehard Associates, met last week to discuss the tentative, interior lay-out schemes of the Peirce School building. The closed elementary school is slated to open as the new police station.

Goodman met earlier in the week with the different department heads at the Agawam Police Station to get their ideas and recommendations on the relocation from Town Hall to Peirce School.

As Raymond Charest, vice-chairman of the committee, said, "These are the people who are going to have to live with this place, so we should know how they feel." Goodman added, "I received very intelligent input from the police officers. They have given it lots of thought."

Goodman developed a rough overlay of the existing interior, using the information gained from his meeting with police representatives.

A few design changes have to be made in the present partitioning of the building to meet Massachusetts state code requirements. For instance, a juvenile cell must resemble a bedroom, while the women's lock-ups must provide a separate area for a matron who has to stay in the women's area at all times.

The Peirce building is a square structure with a courtyard in the middle. A roof will definitely go over the courtyard and the extra area gained will be incorporated into an exercise room, one male shower facility, and one holding cell, according to Charest.

When the police station is completed, there will be separate areas for the dispatcher, traffic department, records department, detective bureau, booking area,

photo lab, A-V department, and administrative offices. The station will also house six male holding cells, two female holding cell, with the matron's space and a separate juvenile holding area.

Goodman also presented drawings for the projected exterior design of the building. The major changes are the windows. Many of them will have to be bricked in to create a smaller area and provide more security. The only work required on the exterior is to have the bricks cleaned and pointed. Projections for the police station also include plans for a sally-port, a pedestrian sally-port, and a wash rack for vehicles off the rear of that structure.

Goodman reported on recommendations from Rhinehard's mechanical engineers regarding the heating system. Even though the boiler is old and oversized, it is in satisfactory condition. "The problem with the boiler is the size. It is so large that it is oversized for the building. This makes it uncontrollable and inefficient to run," Goodman said.

### Installing A Gas Unit

The engineer suggested abandoning the existing boiler system and installing a gas unit on the flat part of the roof. By using this gas unit, the same ductwork could be employed as the ductwork that will be used for the air conditioning system. The building could also be individually zoned or room controls could be installed to control the heat, adding to the system's efficiency, he said.

After some discussion, it was suggested by committee members that Goodman present alternate heating system suggestions and estimated costs for their consideration at the next meeting.

It is hoped that the building will be completed by the late summer or early fall of this year.

## Agawam Republicans To Hear Kirkpatrick

The Agawam Republican Town Committee is inviting Agawam Republicans and interested Independent voters to hear former ambassador to the United Nations, Jeane Kirkpatrick, deliver a major policy address, April 11th, at 7:30 p.m. at the Sheraton-Lincoln Inn, 500 Lincoln Street, Worcester, on the eve of the Massachusetts Republican State Convention. Ambassador Kirkpatrick is now a professor at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., and is a Senior Fellow at the American Enterprise Institute for Public Policy Research. Coffee and dessert will follow the program.

Tickets are on a first-come, first-serve basis and can be ordered by calling the toll-free number, 1-800-643-1986, and charging tickets to MasterCard or Visa, according to John Zadow, of the Massachusetts State Republican Committee's Boston Office.

The cost is \$15 per person. The Inn can seat 800

with additional facilities for closed circuit TV if necessary. Zadow also said interested students can obtain free tickets on a "Standing Room Only" basis, unless there is available seating, by calling the toll-free number and showing their student ID at the door.

Andrew Campbell, chairman of the Agawam Republican Town Committee, will head the nine Agawam delegates to the Republican State Convention. Vice-President George Bush will deliver the keynote address at the opening of the convention, April 12th.

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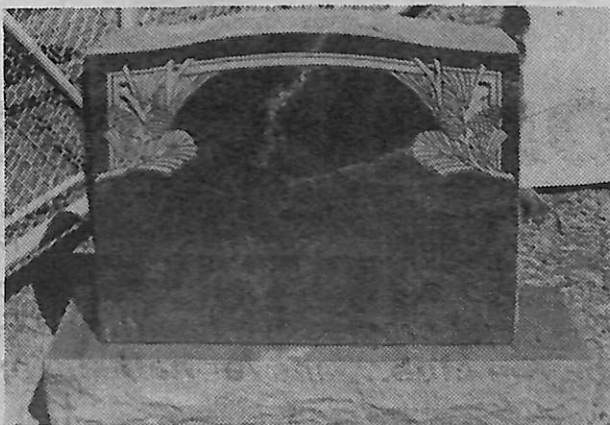
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Town Hall Annex  
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Monday, March 17th  
Town Council Meeting  
Public Library  
7:00 P.M.

Tuesday, March 18th  
Budget Public Hearing  
School Dept. Budget  
Junior High School  
8:00 P.M.

Thursday, March 20th  
Agawam Planning Board  
Public Library  
7:00 P.M.

Tuesday, March 25th  
School Committee Meeting  
Junior High School  
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## Betty Fearn To Leave Asst. Treasurer Post As Of March 19th

by Dale Fiske  
Advertiser News Municipal Writer

Assistant Town Treasurer Betty Fearn is resigning her post, effective March 19th, after serving Agawam for 14 years.

When Mrs. Fearn started working for the town, she was a secretary. She applied herself with the dedication that has become her hallmark. With this dedication and with hard work, she has moved up through the ranks to the position she presently holds.

Responsibilities of the job have grown since Mrs. Fearn first started under former Town Treasurer David Gallano. Investments alone have expanded four or five times and the number of accounts have tripled. Her devotion to her job never wavered and her good business sense encompassed the work load she so capably took charge of, said current Treasurer Rudy Altobelli.

Mrs. Fearn is responsible for balancing accounts, doing payroll, bonding for the town, and handling investments. It's reported that she has a talent for getting the highest yield from banking investments for the town.

Altobelli said, "You don't realize the job a person does until they leave. It's difficult to replace 14 years experience. I'm going to miss her very much. She is efficient and is able to solve any problem I've had."

Kay Muzzy, deputy collector, said, "I've known Betty for 14 years. We're sorry to see her go."

Mrs. Fearn's efficiency and dedication to her job is noted by many co-workers. Town Assessor Roy Bishop, commented, "Betty is a tremendous asset to the office. She keeps it running smoothly. She'll be missed."

Joseph Conte, Building Inspector, used to work with Betty when he was acting town treasurer. Speaking of Mrs. Fearn, he said, "You just can't say enough about her. She's a devoted town employee."

He added, "She is always the first one to come in to work and the last one to leave."

Altobelli agreed, adding, "She'll even come in to work on a Saturday." Conte wants Mrs. Fearn to know, "treasurers, like myself and Mr. Altobelli, really appreciate her so much. She's a very knowledgeable person and competent. We will miss her."

Altobelli said Mrs. Fearn is going to be sorely missed. "I wish the budget was bigger, because it's going to take two people to do the same job that Betty has been doing for years."

The assistant town treasurer job has been posted at town hall, but Altobelli points out, "The job is very demanding. There is lots of pressure. It requires skill and competency. Whoever gets the job will have a tough act to follow."

Mrs. Fearn resides in Feeding Hills.

## Town Summer Camp Applications Accepted

Applications are now available at the Agawam Town Manager's Office in the Agawam Town Hall, 36 Main Street, for various counselor positions at Camp Rainbow. Located at Robinson Park School, Camp Rainbow is a day camp for special needs children of Agawam.

Persons who have been previously employed at Camp Rainbow will have preference, but are reminded that they must complete an application to be considered.

Positions to be filled include camp director, speech therapist, and nurse, or health aide. Head counselors are needed in the fields of physical education, music, arts and crafts, and water safety.

To qualify for the positions, one must have extensive background experience in special education. Five

enterprising group leaders are also being sought.

To apply for a position of group leader, one must be graduating from high school this June and furthering his/her education in the social service's field. This coming summer there will be six positions open for junior counselors (aides). These six people will work on a one-to-one basis with the campers in most need of help. To qualify for an aide position, one must have volunteered at Camp Rainbow for one summer session.

Camp Rainbow will run from July 1st to August 14th, with a staff day conducted on June 30th. Daily camp hours are 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Monday to Friday. Camp will be closed on Friday, July 4th.

Deadline for returning job applications to the Agawam Town Manager's Office will be Friday, May 2nd.

## Rep. Walsh Schedules Agawam Office Hours For March 15th

State Representative Michael P. Walsh (D-Agawam) will be holding office hours in Agawam, Saturday, March 15th. They will be held at the Agawam Town Library from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

Walsh can also be reached at 786-4545 for those constituents who wish to meet with him, but are unable to attend office hours.

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# Editorial

Guest Editorial...

## Responding To Mrs. Nelsen's Criticism On Actions Taken On Class II License

by Fred Harpin  
Precinct 4 Town Councilor

I am taking this opportunity to respond to the criticism directed at me by Council Vice-President Dorothy Nelsen in the *Springfield Daily News* on March 4th and in the *Agawam Advertiser News* on March 6th concerning the reissuing of a Class II dealer's license to Grand National Auto on School Street.

Mrs. Nelsen and I are both on a subcommittee of the council's Rules & Regulations Committee charged with reviewing all Class II dealer's licenses in the community. I have tried to work diligently and with fair play always in mind when dealing with Class II licenses in Agawam.

According to Mrs. Nelsen, I was acting as an advocate for William Douglas, owner and operator of Grand National Auto, when I reintroduced a motion on the Town Council floor to grant Mr. Douglas his license. Mrs. Nelsen also said my actions were "not proper."

### Thought Problems Were Worked Out

At the February 18th meeting of the council, Mrs. Nelsen spearheaded the move to deny Mr. Douglas his license. Mr. Douglas was cited for several violations at the February 18th meeting by Mrs. Nelsen. Prior to the February 18th meeting, however, the subcommittee met with Mr. Douglas and told him of our concerns about his operation. The violations cited were discussed and, in my view, mutually worked-out to the satisfaction of the subcommittee.

Unfortunately, when Mr. Douglas' license was put before the full council February 18th, I was unable to attend the meeting due to a bout with the flu. Mrs. Nelsen took it upon herself to vigorously cite Grand National Auto for violations that were not germane at this time. But the majority of the council, who were not aware of all the facts, went along with her arguments and overwhelmingly denied reissuing the license.

Naturally, I was gravely concerned about this. It was never the subcommittee's intentions to put Mr. Douglas out of business. It is the committee's intent to put a handle on Class II licenses in this community and solidify the rules and regulations policing them - not to single-out one particular license as a whipping boy.

From February 19th to the council meeting on March

3rd, I worked very hard to rectify this situation. I encouraged other councilors to stop in at Grand National Auto to check-out the premises; worked with the Building Department who is involved in the policing of Class II dealerships; and put the matter before the council again for another vote.

Fortunately and to its credit, the council in its wisdom rescinded the February 18th vote and granted Mr. Douglas his license. I thank those councilors who took the time to go down to Grand National Auto to look the place over as well as talk to Mr. Douglas.

I was rather proud of the fact that the council was able to reverse an injustice and allow a man to continue to do business in Agawam. I feel that as councilors, it is up to us to represent the people of this community and provide help to them whenever we can, especially when they are not being treated in a fair manner.

Therefore, I felt Mr. Douglas was not being represented. As a member of the subcommittee that is dealing with Class II licenses, I could not sit idly by and watch him go out of business.

There are many, many problems in the area of Class II licenses in Agawam, and that is why this subcommittee has its work cut-out for it.

### Not Very Becoming

As for Mrs. Nelsen, I was quite disappointed she resorted to ridicule and insinuation. My motive was only to lend a helping-hand to people who live and work in this community - I think voters have the right to expect that from their elected public officials. Mrs. Nelsen's comments were most unbecoming of a council vice-president who is supposed to be a leader of the Agawam Town Council. The comments also appeared to be full of sour grapes.

If the situation came about again, I would do the same. I will continue to represent the people of this town in any way I can for the remainder of my term.

I do agree with Mrs. Nelsen on Class II licenses in one respect when she said, "We have to find a way to enforce the rules more strictly so they can be enforced more fairly."

Mrs. Nelsen's sense of "fair play," however, leaves much to be desired.

## Obituaries

### Emile L. Paro

Agawam: Emile L. Paro, 71, of 10 Corey Street, a retired carpenter and construction superintendent for W. J. Quinn Company and a decorated war veteran, died Saturday, March 8th, in a local nursing home.

He retired in 1975. Born in Agawam, he was a lifelong resident.

He was an Army veteran of World War II, serving in the 2nd Armored Division, which was the first U.S. unit to enter Berlin, Germany. He was awarded the Belgium Croix de Guerre, the first awarded to a foreign division.

He was a sergeant at the time and was promoted on the battlefield to second lieutenant.

He was a member of Agawam Congregational Church, the Agawam Senior Men's Bowling Club, and Group 2 of the Golden Age Group.

He leaves his wife, the former Frances Ellison; three sons, Lloyd W. and Kenneth, both of Agawam, and Donald of Southwick; two brothers, George, and Aldege, both of Agawam; a sister, Stella Corriveau of Agawam; and three grandchildren.

The funeral was Monday at Colonial Funeral Home and in the church, with burial in Hillcrest Park Cemetery, Springfield.

### Andrew F. Tricinella

Andrew F. Tricinella, 70, of 24 Highland Avenue, died Monday, March 3rd, at Springfield Hospital.

Born in West Springfield, he had lived for the past 47 years in Agawam. He worked for Yankee Magcast Company of Enfield, retiring eight years ago. He was a communicant of St. Anthony's of Padua Church.

He leaves his widow, Theresa V. (Montagna) Tricinella; two daughters, Carol Powell of Agawam and Cynthia Tricinella of Springfield; three brothers, Frederick of Agawam, Anthony of Pomona, California, and Nicholas of Upland California; one sister, Mildred Tricinella of Agawam; and one granddaughter.

The funeral was Thursday morning, March 6th, at Colonial Funeral Home with a liturgy of Christian burial in St. Anthony of Padua Church. Burial was in St. Thomas Cemetery, West Springfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to Our Lady of Providence Children's Center, 2112 Riverdale Street, West Springfield, 01089, or the charity of one's choice.

### Hazel V. Normandeau

Agawam: Hazel V. (Ewen) Normandeau, 74, of 107 Homer Street in the Feeding Hills section, formerly of 168 Essex Street, Holyoke, died Thursday, March 6th, in Holyoke Hospital. Born in Holyoke, she lived there until moving to Agawam 18 months ago. She was a former communicant of Sacred Heart Church in Holyoke and was currently a communicant of St. Theresa's Church. She leaves a son, Richard D. of Collingswood, New Jersey; two daughters, Jean Gurley of Fort Worth, Texas, and Marjorie Wilmes, with whom she lived; a brother, Earl Ewen of Pembroke Pines, Florida; a sister, Viola Potente of Fort Lauderdale, Florida; nine grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. The funeral was Monday morning at Messier Funeral Home and in Sacred Heart Church with burial in St. Jerome's Cemetery, all in Holyoke.

To write a guest editorial, you must reserve space by calling 786-7747, ask for Richard M. Sardella, publisher. Letters accepted without space reservation by meeting our deadline.

#### LEGAL NOTICE

The Agawam Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on March 20, 1986, at 7:00 p.m., in the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of Valley View Associates Inc., to rezone a parcel of land located on Springfield Street, Agawam from Agricultural to Residence B. The parcel contains approximately 9.025 acres. Property being further bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the southerly line of land of L. & A. Cincotta 200 feet more or less northerly from Springfield Street; thence running N0°-29'-40"E for a distance of 314.56 feet to a point; thence turning and running S79°-50'-38"E for a distance of 9.00 feet to a point; thence turning and running N5°-58'-50"E for a distance of 643.64 feet to a point; thence turning and running S77°-19'-08"E for a distance of 29.77 feet to a point; thence running S88°-41'-11"E for a distance of 357.09 feet to a point; thence turning and running S0°-24'-20"W for a distance of 897.89 feet to a point; thence turning and running S88°-38'-59"W for a distance of 281.33 feet to a point; thence running S79°-09'-59"W for a distance of 180.28 feet to the point and place of beginning. Said parcel contains 9.025 acres and is shown on a plan entitled "Plan Showing Zone Change Request" Agawam, Massachusetts by D.L. Bean, Inc. dated January 27, 1986.

BY ORDER OF THE AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD  
Charles R. Calabrese, Chairman  
Published: March 13th, 1986

#### LEGAL NOTICE

#### TOWN OF AGAWAM Board Of Appeals

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will give a hearing at Administration Annex Building, Agawam, THURSDAY, MARCH 27, 1986 at 8:00 p.m. o'clock, to all parties interested in the appeal of BEVERLY M. CARDIN who is seeking relief from Section 20, Paragraph 7 (b) of the Zoning Ordinances to allow the addition of a second floor to a non-conforming residence identified as 316 NORTH STREET.

By order of the Board of Appeals  
Theodore A. Progulski  
Chairman  
Published: March 13th, 1986

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The Agawam School Committee  
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1986 At The Agawam Junior High  
School Auditorium, 1305 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, Massachusetts. Time: 8:00 P.M., In Accordance With Chapter 71, Section 38N.



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# Families

## Heritage Hall Enjoys Irish Dancing



**MARCH CAME IN ON AN Irish note as dancers from the McDermott Academy of Dance professionally executed jigs, reels, and the Sailor's Horn Pipe Dance for residents of Heritage Hall Nursing Home, Monday, March 3rd. The dancers were under the supervision of Marian Ziskowski and Mary Mulvaugh, and were attired in authentic gaelic dress. Pictured above are, from left - Kelly Lanow, Megan Reynolds, Mary Beth Philpott, and Kelly Flynn. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.**

## Fun Weekend Of Activities For Care Of Kids' Health

The Springfield Science Museum and local representatives of the Association for the Care of Children's Health have planned a weekend full of special activities for youngsters in recognition of Children and Hospitals Week on Saturday and Sunday, March 22nd and 23rd.

The highlight of the weekend's events will be two performances of "Slim Goodbody's Musical Health Show" starring Bill Strong, Slim Goodbody's best friend.

Wearing a body suit painted with images of the heart, lungs, skeleton, and muscles, he teaches kids about good health habits, nutrition, exercise, and even manners in a wonderfully entertaining show. The lively combination of familiar and original songs, dance, puppets, and puns educates children about their bodies without preaching or threatening.

"Slim Goodbody's Musical Health Show" has been featured on public and commercial television, including a four-year segment on CBS-TV's now defunct Captain Kangaroo show. The performance has been enjoyed by hundreds of thousands of children in schools, museums, theaters, and health fairs around the country and in Canada.

Slim Goodbody (a.k.a. John Burstein) has created educational films, video programs, books, and record albums and has received many awards from film festivals, broadcasting associations, and educational organizations.

Strong will present "Slim Goodbody's Musical Health Show" Saturday, March 22nd, at 1:00 and 2:30 p.m., in the auditorium of the Museum of Fine Arts. Tickets are on sale now at the Science Museum for \$1 per person. We strongly recommend purchasing tickets in advance.

In addition to this special show, there will be free activities offered at the Science Museum from noon until 5:00 p.m., both Saturday and Sunday. Health care professionals from local hospitals will help children dress up in medical caps and gowns, make tracings of their own body complete with organs, learn what it feels like to use a wheelchair, and make a real cast of their own finger with medical casting tape.

Films and special demonstrations with a life-sized skeleton, organ models, and TAM, the transparent woman, will be offered throughout the afternoon.

Children and Hospitals Week is a public education campaign first sponsored by the Association for the Care of Children's Health in 1981. This year's theme is "Children's Health: Our Best Investment," stresses the importance of providing the best possible health care and health education to children and families.

For information, call the Science Museum, 733-1194.

## Agawam Library Changes Circulation Policies

In an effort to serve patrons' needs more effectively, the Agawam Public Library will now circulate magazine back issues for two weeks. Students may borrow up to five magazines and save the expense of photocopying information for reports.

Also, as of March 1st, books which previously circulated for four weeks will have a three week loan period instead. This policy change should help cut down the waiting time for both popular and curriculum oriented material.

## Catholic Women's Club Sponsors Chef Tomasetti

The Agawam Catholic Women's Club will hold its monthly meeting, Monday, March 17th, at 8:00 p.m., in the St. John's Parish Center.

Please note that the business meeting will follow the program this month. Lillian Doyle is program chairwoman and Rosalie Ross is hospitality chairwoman.

Featured speaker this month is Joseph Tomasetti, professional chef. He will give a demonstration of Italian cooking with samples for all.

Tomasetti has studied cooking in such places as Paris, Italy, Spain, and Germany. He has written two cookbooks which will be available at the meeting for \$10.95.

Tomasetti has given demonstrations at the Hartford Civic Center as well as teaching classes at Chateau Harmony, Granby, Massachusetts. Sponsored by the Waldbaum Food Mart, Tomasetti is seen twice a week on the Channel 22 5:30 p.m. news.

Come beat the late winter doldrums with a "delectable" evening and pick-up some cooking tips at the same time.



JERRY R. SIBILIA, JR., and BRENDA L. CANEDI

## Brenda Louise Canedi Engaged To Jerry Sibilia Jr.

Mr. & Mrs. Robert P. Canedi of West Springfield proudly announce the engagement of their daughter, Brenda Louise, to Jerry R. Sibilia, Jr., son of Mr. & Mrs. Jerry R. Sibilia of Carr Avenue, Agawam.

Miss Canedi is a 1982 graduate of West Springfield High School and a 1984 graduate of Holyoke Community College. She is employed as an administrative assistant at Mahoney & Associates, Inc., in Springfield.

Mr. Sibilia is a 1980 graduate of Agawam High School and a 1985 graduate of Western New England College with a b.a. in sociology/criminal justice. He is employed by the State of Massachusetts, Department of Youth Services, as a juvenile counselor.

The wedding will be held June 21st, at St. Ann's Church, West Springfield.

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## AG Bellotti Warns About Insurance Scams

The insurance industry is like most others — the majority of its agents and companies are undoubtedly honest and reputable.

The unfortunate reality, however, is that there will always be unprincipled businesses that will try to take advantage of consumers by pressuring them to purchase more insurance than they need, the wrong kind of insurance, or — worst of all — insurance products that amount to little more than scams.

Attorney General Francis X. Bellotti's Insurance Division has litigated and settled many state and national cases involving the insurance industry.

In one case involving a Springfield insurance agency, Bellotti's settlement allowed the distribution of \$300,000 to 400 consumers.

As recently as last month, the Attorney General filed suit against a New Jersey man who lured elderly Massachusetts residents into purchasing life insurance policies by telling them it was the **only** way they could avoid inheritance and other taxes.

That case, involving Vincent J. Bono, has resulted in an order requiring Bono and his agents to cease their current sales and marketing practices.

### Annuities

In the area of annuities, Bellotti's office took the lead role in settling a national case against the Baldwin-United insurance companies, which filed for bankruptcy in 1983, leaving hundreds of thousands of investors with limited or no access to their money and the high returns that were originally promised by agents.

In Massachusetts alone, approximately 8,000 consumers, who were told their investments were as safe as money in the bank, invested over \$157 million in Baldwin annuities and stand to benefit from Bellotti's settlement.

While the Attorney General's office can and often does go to court to help those victimized by insurance schemes such as these, the consumer's best defense is to be well-informed. Attorney General Bellotti offers the following suggestions for those contemplating the purchase of insurance:

**1. Resist high-pressure tactics.** Insurance is a major and complicated purchase. Don't allow anyone to rush you into a decision, no matter how friendly or helpful they may seem. Ask questions and be suspicious of any agent who insists that you buy "today." Read any policy you are considering carefully.

**2. Know your rights under the law.** Under Massachusetts law, you are entitled to change your mind and send a health insurance policy back within 10 days of signing it, and you are entitled to a full refund.

**3. Choose your insurance company with care.** Be especially careful of companies with no local offices or representatives, since they may not be subject to Massachusetts Division of Insurance approval.

Often, these are the companies which advertise heavily on television or offer "mail order" insurance. To find out how long a company has been in business, whether it has experienced financial trouble, or whether an agent is licensed to sell insurance for a particular company, call the Division of Insurance at (617) 727-3333.

More tips and concerns next week.

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## News, Activities At The Agawam Senior Center

**Water Exercise Class** - Registrations open. Sign-up now for this eight-week course to be held Mondays, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., at the Agawam Junior High Pool. Class starts March 31st and runs to the 19th of May. There is a \$15 fee for the course to cover cost of the class instructor and a life guard. Payment is due when you register at the ticket booth in the lobby of the Senior Center. Class size is limited.

**Storowton Tavern And Stage West** — an easy day trip on Wednesday, April 2nd. Reservations are open at the ticket booth. Luncheon choices are Yankee pot roast and baked scrod. Price, everything included, is \$22 per person. Bus pickup at Country View is at 10:30 a.m., and at the Senior Center, 11:00 a.m.

**Medicare Information - Monday, April 14th, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.**, at Memorial House Auditorium, Mercy Hospital. The hospital and West Springfield AARP are sponsoring this information program on Medicare and topics to be covered include: Current Regulations; Utilization Review; Outpatient Services; Patient Education; Discharge Planning and Social Service.

Registration forms are available at the Senior Center office and the deadline for registering for this program is April 4th.

**More About The Seniors' "Food For Thought Recipe Contest"** being sponsored by Massachusetts Department of Elder Affairs and Association of Elderly Nutrition Programs. Entry forms and information are available at the Senior Center ticket booth.

The judging will take place Thursday, April 24th, at the Wilbraham Senior Center, Mile Tree School. Persons living in the Greater Springfield Senior Services area, who are 60 years of age, are eligible (but only one recipe per person).

However, if you have a second outstanding recipe, you may lend it to a friend (another senior) to submit. First place winners in each category will be eligible to go to Worcester in June for the State-Wide Cook-Off.

**Ladies' Pool — Tuesdays, 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.** Pool tables are reserved for use of the ladies' class during this time under the direction of John Byrne.

**"Keep Moving,"** a state-wide walking program launched last year by Governor Michael Dukakis, is moving into high gear for the coming good weather. There will be a regional training session for Walking Club Leaders in Holyoke, Tuesday, April 8th, at 9:30 a.m. This is open to any Massachusetts resident over age 50.

For complete information, contact Agawam Senior Center Activities Director Sandra Smith, 786-0400, extension 242.

### 12:30 Programs Held

Two fine "12:30 Educational Programs" were held at the center last week. Tara Healey of American Red Cross, Springfield Chapter, talked and showed slides on two life-saving procedures: Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), and choking. If anyone is interested in taking the full CPR course, please call Sandra Smith, 786-0400, extension 242. If enough persons are interested, a course can be arranged.

The other program was a seminar on Retirement and Pre-Retirement Planning, conducted by George Psychogeos and Chris Sherman from Paine Webber's Boston office. Both programs were well attended.

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The activities director has announced trips for May and June. In May, Mystic Seaport and Aquarium will be the destination; in June, it will be a trip to Chatham, New York, to attend a performance of the Mac-Haydon Theater Summer Stock Company. Watch for all details, including the dates, to be announced.

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**12:30 Meeting Of "Friends," Friday, April 11th.** There will be a meeting of the members of "Friends of the Agawam Senior Center, Inc.," Friday, April 11th, at the Senior Center at 12:30 p.m. The purpose of the meeting is to up-date everyone on the activities of the organization and to form the following standing committees: Membership, Historical, Ways and Means.

All Agawam residents are encouraged to attend this meeting.

**Stay-Well Clinic.** A "stay-well clinic" is slated to begin at the Agawam Senior Center April 7th, from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. These will be held regularly on the first and third Monday of each month. Agawam residents, 60 and over, will have the opportunity to see a nurse for blood pressure screening, medical counseling, and evaluation. There will be no charge for these services. Please call Ginny Hennessey, 786-0400, extension 242, with your comments concerning this clinic. She will welcome your input.

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## Lions Club Donation



**SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS James V. Bruno, Jr., (center) accepts a check for \$2,000 from Agawam Lions Club President Albert Taupier (left), as James Loomis, Jr., club member, looks on. Bruno accepted the check from the Lions to be used for the Adelphi Drug & Alcohol Abuse Prevention Program in Agawam. A seminar is planned for April 11th to 13th to develop anti-drug abuse programs in Agawam schools. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.**

## Famous Ghosthunters Coming Here

On Friday, April 25th, famed ghosthunters Ed & Lorraine Warren will speak in Agawam. The program, sponsored by the Agawam Historical Association, will be held at the Agawam Junior High School, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$7.50 each.

The Warrens have a long list of accomplishments as professional ghosthunters and advisors.

Their expertise in search of the supernatural has been the reason for their involvement as chief investigators in a Long Island haunting. Today, we know this experience as the object of the best selling book and later the movie, *The Amityville Horror*.

Ed is one of the few people allowed to examine the files on which the book and movie *The Exorcist* were based.

They have been guests on TV: A.M. America, The Mike Douglas Show, P.M. Magazine, In Search Of., Real People, David Susskind Show, Tom Snyder's Tomorrow Show, and To Tell The Truth.

The program will include a lecture with slide show, as well as a question and answer period. It will last about 2½ hours.

Tickets are now available by calling 786-1452 or 789-0328. (If no answer, please leave name on tape and call will be returned).



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## Sacred Heart Cub Scouts Now Signing-Up New Members

Cub Pack 75, sponsored by Sacred Heart Church, Feeding Hills, is now signing-up new scouts.

Pack 75 is enjoying much success and the scouts are enjoying a variety of activities.

If you are planning on having your son become a Tiger Cub, Cub Scout, or Webelos Scout, now or in the fall, get him signed-up now with Pack 75.

Pack 75 adults are trained leaders and attend Roundtables and other meetings in the local District and local scouting Council to keep up with everything new that comes up in cubbing, and therefore, Pack 75 can run a good Pack.

First graders will be Tiger Cubs - six year-olds.

Second and third graders will be Wolf Scouts - seven and eight year-olds.

Fourth graders will be Bear Scouts - nine year-olds.

Fifth graders will be Webelos Scouts - 10 year-olds.

By the way, Scouting is listed number one on the youth organizations list in this country.

## Girl Scouts In Valley Now Selling Famous Cookies

The Brownie Girl Scouts of the Pioneer Valley Girl Scout Council will be selling seven delicious varieties of cookies in our Spring Sale, March 14th to April 4th.

Cookies are still \$2 per package! Call Pioneer Valley Girl Scout Council, 525-4124, to order your supply. Better yet, located a Brownie Girl Scout in your neighborhood and stock up!

The current selection includes: the all-time favorites - Thin Mints, Samoas, Chocolate Chunks, Do-Si-Dos, Pecan Shortees, Trefoils and Tagalongs.

The Cookie Safari Sale is the most important council-wide fundraising project with multiple perspectives, affecting the girls, parents, and volunteers. The Girl Scouts participate in a business venture at a young age - their efforts and progress immediately rewarded.

## WMass Rabbit Breeders At Agawam Armory

The Western Massachusetts Rabbit Breeders' Association will hold its Annual Spring Show, Sunday, March 23rd, at the Army National Guard Armory, Maynard Street, Agawam.

This show, sanctioned by the American Rabbit Breeders' Association, will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The show is for all breeders and owners. All breeds are welcome.

Entries should be at the Armory not later than 9:00 a.m., March 23rd. Judging will begin at 10:00 a.m. for 41 breeds of rabbits and seven breeds of cavy.

Young and new breeders are especially encouraged to participate. It will be a wonderful learning oppor-

tunity and very good experience.

There will also be a raffle with appropriate items offered. Donated raffle items are also welcomed.

Show superintendent is Mitch Szczepanek and show secretary is Elsie Szczepanek. For entries and more information, please contact Elsie, 543-3713. Deadline for entries is Friday, March 21st. All animals must have a permanent and legible tattoo in the left ear. Entry fee per animal is \$1.50.

Whether or not you are a rabbit fancier, why not plan to attend this show and enjoy watching these lovable small animals. The public is welcome and there is no admission charge.

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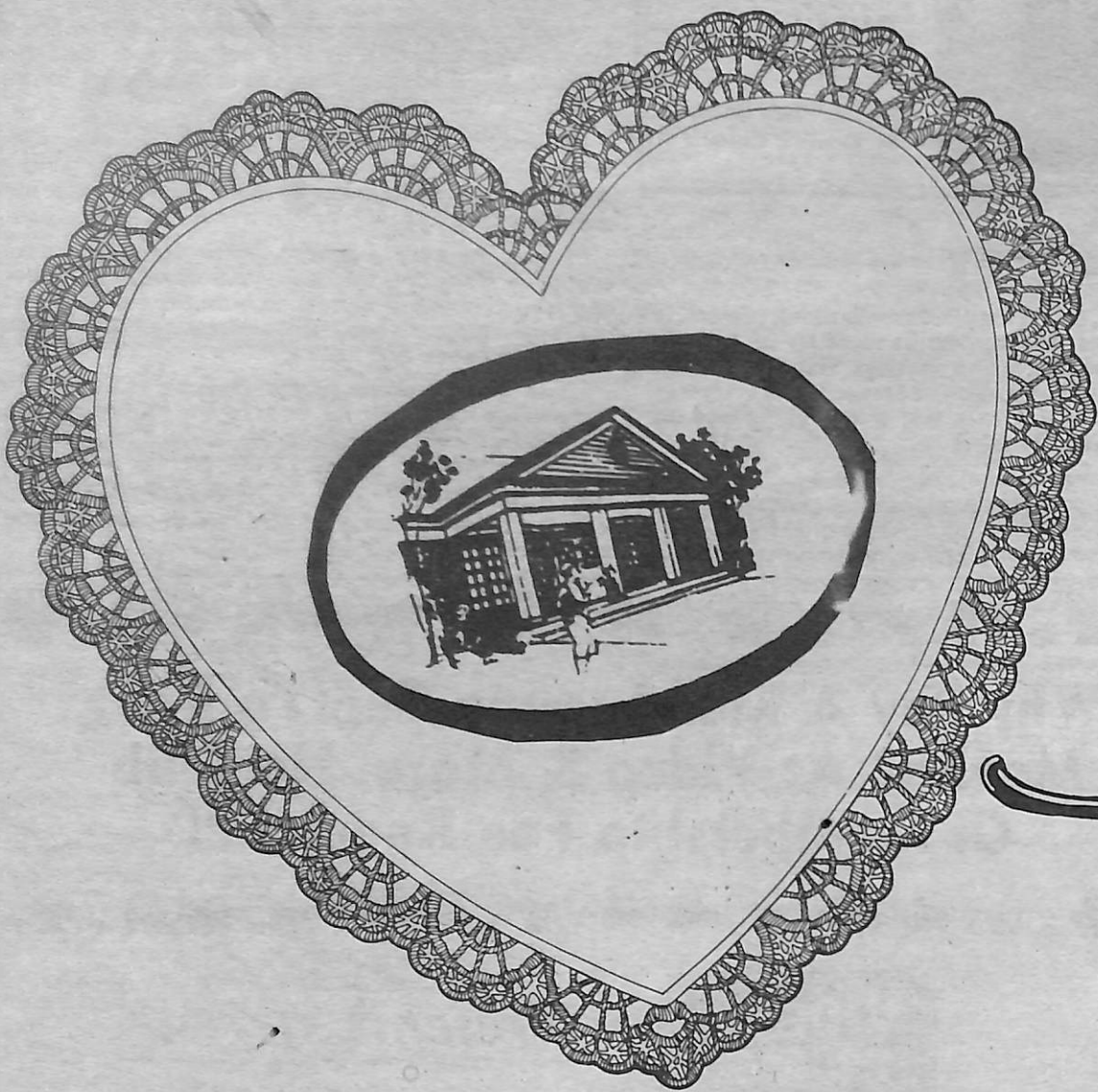
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## Heritage Hall Home Notes, Activities

### Silver Strand To Golden Memories

A mutual sharing took place between Heritage Hall residents and young adults from Forest Park Junior High, Thursday, March 6th. These students are part of a new intergenerational educational program headed by Sally Wittenberg. This week's monitor, Jim Tillotson, discussed with students and residents alike on local history and the origins of local ethnic groups.

The interaction of students with residents was a beautiful balance between the curiosity of youth and the accumulated knowledge of age.

Both residents and students found the program to be both rewarding and enjoyable.

This is just one of the many sessions anticipated for the future. Every Thursday morning, students from Forest Park Junior High (or the Springfield School System) will be matching wits with the residents of Heritage Hall. Residents are looking forward to future discussions, which will include such topics as: The Great Depression, The Stock Market Crash, Prohibition, Transportation, and Past Presidents.

### Put On Your Hip Boots

Spring is just around the corner and the fishing season is about to begin. Residents at Heritage Hall will be prepared once they've completed a course entitled, "The Basics of Fishing and Fly Tying," instructed by John Bogace, a business major at Western New England College. John, from Somers, Connecticut, attended Somers High School before he enrolled in Western New England College.

In order to escape the hustle and bustle of a busy college schedule, John spends his leisure time pursuing his favorite sport — fishing.

The program will encompass the rudiments of fishing from lure selections to fly casting.

John feels that fishing is interesting, relaxing, and a sport that can be enjoyed by all.

He looks forward to sharing his knowledge of the sport with Heritage Hall residents.

### You're Not Getting Older — You're Getting Better!

The new spring look is fresh and bright and regal for Heritage Hall women as they take a course on present fashion modes and make-up techniques for the mature woman. Jeri Pleasants, a psychology major at Western New England College, will cover topics such as color coordination, hairstyling, fashion, and make-up techniques.

Jeri, from Forestville, Maryland, attended Suitland High School, and finds cosmetology and fashion design a creative outlet from her busy schedule at Western New England College.

### RESIDENT OF THE WEEK: Eunice White

Eunice White, born in West Springfield, March 19th, 1886, is about to celebrate her 100th birthday. Eunice, wife of Howard White who was a 32nd Degree Mason, was a resident of West Springfield her entire life until she came to live at Heritage Hall.

In addition to working as a bookkeeper at Gilbert and Barker, Eunice was actively involved with the order of the Eastern Star, West Springfield Chapter 144.

She also served as a Noble Grand in the Rebeccas. Eunice enjoyed taking care of her home and cooking. Heritage hall close friends and fellow residents will be honoring Eunice on her 100th birthday with a special birthday celebration. Eunice will also be receiving a Presidential letter of congratulations on her 100th birthday.



RESIDENT OF THE WEEK - Eunice White

### ENTERTAINMENT

#### A Little Bit Of Country

Foot stomping, finger-picking music filled the corridors of Heritage Hall as the three-piece band, "Golder," treated residents to "a little bit of country." The trio played an acoustic guitar, banjo, and bass. The entertainment pleased the residents with a variety of cheerful Americana and Bluegrass music.



## FROM THE PULPIT

By Rev. Len Cowan  
St. David's Church

## Let Us Pray

"First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all men, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life, godly and respectful in every way. This is good, and it is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior..." (1 Timothy 2:1-3)

Sometimes, you and I may well wonder what good it does when we pray for situations throughout the world that seem beyond our control. As we pray for troubled areas beyond our immediate environment that are in

need of the grace of God, places such as the Middle East, Northern Ireland, or even the farms or the cities of America, we may well wonder if our prayers are having any effect.

And yet, the clear command in Scripture mentioned above stands before us. We act because God has graciously asked us to join Him in interceding for our world.

However, once in a while, it is good to note world events which seem to have the mark of God's hand in them, the wonderful response of the Lord to the fervent prayers of His People.

Such is the case, I believe, in the course of recent events in Haiti and in the Philippines, where leaders engaged in obvious oppression have been overthrown, not by large-scale violence, but by an astonishing witness of peace and justice.

Those on the scene in the Philippines noted the tremendous role of prayer, both by the Philippine people, and by others throughout the world. The vivid picture of the power let loose by a nun on her knees in the face of an advancing tank is etched in our memory.

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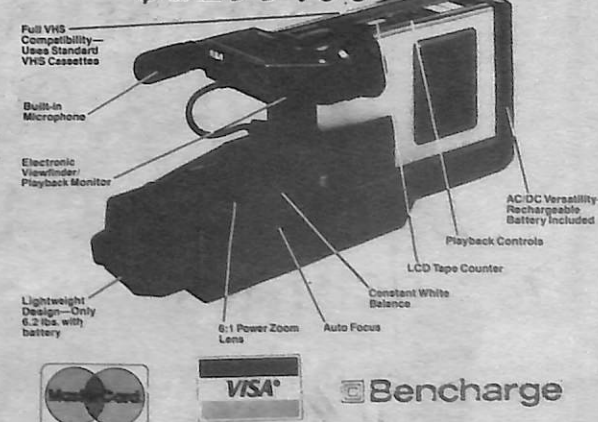
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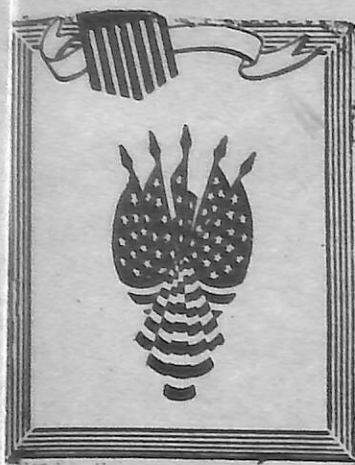
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### A Trip Thru 1891 Agawam

In Part II of a two-part series, local historians Marilyn & Dick Curry take you through 1891 Agawam as seen through the eyes of a traveler who began his travels by coming over the Agawam-West Springfield Bridge.

#### Retracing The 1891 Route

Well, by now many of you may have figured out the general direction followed by our traveler of yore. By comparing photographs and etchings taken from the 1891 book with those of the town history, we were able to establish a reasonable account of the course of direction followed during the 1891 excursion.

If you have been paying close attention to the route as described by the itinerant author/artist, perhaps you have already figured out the whereabouts of the traveler at certain periods of time. Let's see if we can agree.

The author makes mention of crossing into Agawam from the lowlands of West Springfield by way of a wooden bridge. Apparently, the wooden structure mentioned is the Agawam Bridge so well described by Edith LaFrancis in her history of Agawam.

Of course, at the time in question, the structure was a covered bridge located almost near the present site of that which crosses over the Agawam River adjacent to the Big E grounds. Unfortunately, the covered bridge was destroyed by fire in 1899!

Having crossed into Agawam, the traveler turned left, following Main Street, heading south toward the center of town. In so doing, he probably passed by the Agawam Center School and Town Hall (built in 1874). Interestingly enough, the author's photograph of the structure is almost identical to that which appears in the town history, although the earlier picture does not show a white flagstaff on the main portico of the brick schoolhouse as does Mrs. LaFrancis'.

Again, the 1891 photograph shows a number of large-sized Elm trees gracing the front of the building, while the town history picture shows much younger trees with several larger tree stumps in the foreground. Obviously, there was a span of time between the taking of the two photographs.

Of still further interest is the fact that both prints show the small, white, primary schoolhouse located in the rear of the brick structure. According to the town text, this wooden building was finally removed "to the top of Factory Hill on Elm Street (numbers 212 and 214), where it still serves as a dwelling."

Moving further along Main Street, the traveler describes "lines of well-kept farmhouses and two white churches." According to his photographs, the gentleman in question must have arrived at the center of town and the farmhouses so described refer to those in the general area of the Captain Charles Leonard/Van Heusen houses, while the two churches were the Agawam Congregational and Agawam First Baptist.

The traveler gives further evidence of his route in describing the characteristic aroma of a distillery, thereby identifying the old Porter Distillery, located on South Main Street, just before the intersection of River Road.

Even today, this building is reasonably intact and presently serves as the DPW station located adjacent to the Independent Fence Company. Without doubt, the church on the hill so described makes reference to the old Methodist Meeting House (1843-1971) that was situated just south of the River Road/Main Street intersection on land now belonging to Riverside Park.

At this point in the travelogue, we cannot be certain as to the exact course followed by the author, except to say that he began heading in a northwesterly direction toward Feeding Hills.

It is just possible he turned up South Street (along Suffield Street) and eventually westward (along the present Route 57) toward the center of the village.

A picture of "a pond in Feeding Hills," would appear to be that of Leonard's Pond showing a runoff that might very well be the falls and stream crossing South West Street northeast of the old Flower House.

#### Arrival In Feeding Hills Center

Certainly, there is no difference in ascertaining the author's arrival in Feeding Hills Center as he describes (with some surprise!) a rather busy village within the township!

Appropriate photographs define the old Methodist Church that once graced South Westfield Street, just south of the old Hamilton House. The present Bible Baptist Church that replaced it is situated farther back on the same property. Another photograph shows that without a doubt, the old Feeding Hills Congregational Church on North Westfield Street, a structure worthy of preservation!

A photograph of the brick school house that once graced Feeding Hills Center shows a beautifully structured building that was built sometime around 1874 when the Agawam Center building was begun. Surely, today were these two buildings still standing, they would be recommended for historical preservation! We must admit that these buildings were sturdily constructed.

It seems a definite shame that they have long since gone the route of so-called progress to make way for

structures that seem in constant need of repair almost immediately after their completion!

Indeed, there is a lesson to be learned from our past! Several more photographs accompany the traveler's final leave of Feeding Hills Village. They are country scenes reminiscent of an agrarian past...a past that was committed to a typical New England setting. This is based on quiet reflection and tribute to those who came before us, prospered, and passed on a heritage well-worth preservation.

In reading *Picturesque Hampden...Agawam and Feeding Hills*, of some 95 years ago, we find it difficult to believe that our town and village should have changed so much.

Within these past 20 years, our town and village have lost more and more of their historic heritage and all in the name of modern progress.

So often have we been confronted with such arguments that "We can't live in the past!" or "If it doesn't make a buck, it isn't worth much!"

These contentions may stand well and good for those few who can profit from this so-called progress, only to seek more secluded environs after they have destroyed the tranquility of the many who must remain within the confines of this so-called progressive settlement!

Still, there remains the ultimate purpose of those many people who choose to live in our town and village in these modern times because there still remains a semblance of what first attracted our forefathers to this region. These people number far beyond the few who would profit from the pangs of progress!

In keeping with the time frame of our story, we shall quote from Samuel Adams Drake who wrote in 1899: "We, of today, are but the passing custodians of those visible and authentic memorials which Time and Progress have yet spared us. They belong not to us, but to History. We can tear down, but who shall build up again?"

B.A. Botkin said of Drake's words in 1947, "This is the truly conservative attitude, which, without tearing down or building up, seeks to select and conserve those aspects and values of the past deemed worthy of preservation."

The result is tradition - a "limited part of life today," according to Albert Guerard, as it is a "limited part of history."

As a followup, next week's story will focus on the old Agawam Bridge mentioned in this week's tale. Of particular interest will be a comment on the murder mystery that occurred during the bridge's history.

**DON'T MISS next week's AAN for a series of articles about the Agawam Bridge by local historians Marilyn & Dick Curry of Feeding Hills.**

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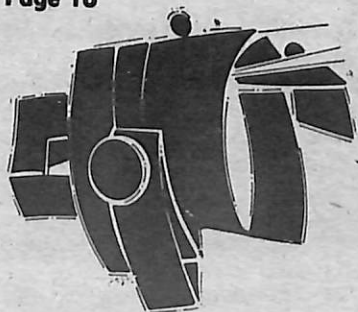
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# Spotlight On Business...

## F.H. Hardware Grows As Area Specialist In Glass & Windows

by Laura B. Dugan  
Advertiser News Feature Writer

Feeding Hills Hardware & Glass is a family-owned business started 12 years ago by Fred Serra. It is located in the very busy Crossroads Shops in Feeding Hills Center, having moved there from the shopping center opposite the Feeding Hills Post Office a few years ago.

Feeding Hills Hardware & Glass is a typical and basic hardware store carrying all the usual assortment of miscellaneous hardware items a customer seeks in such a store.

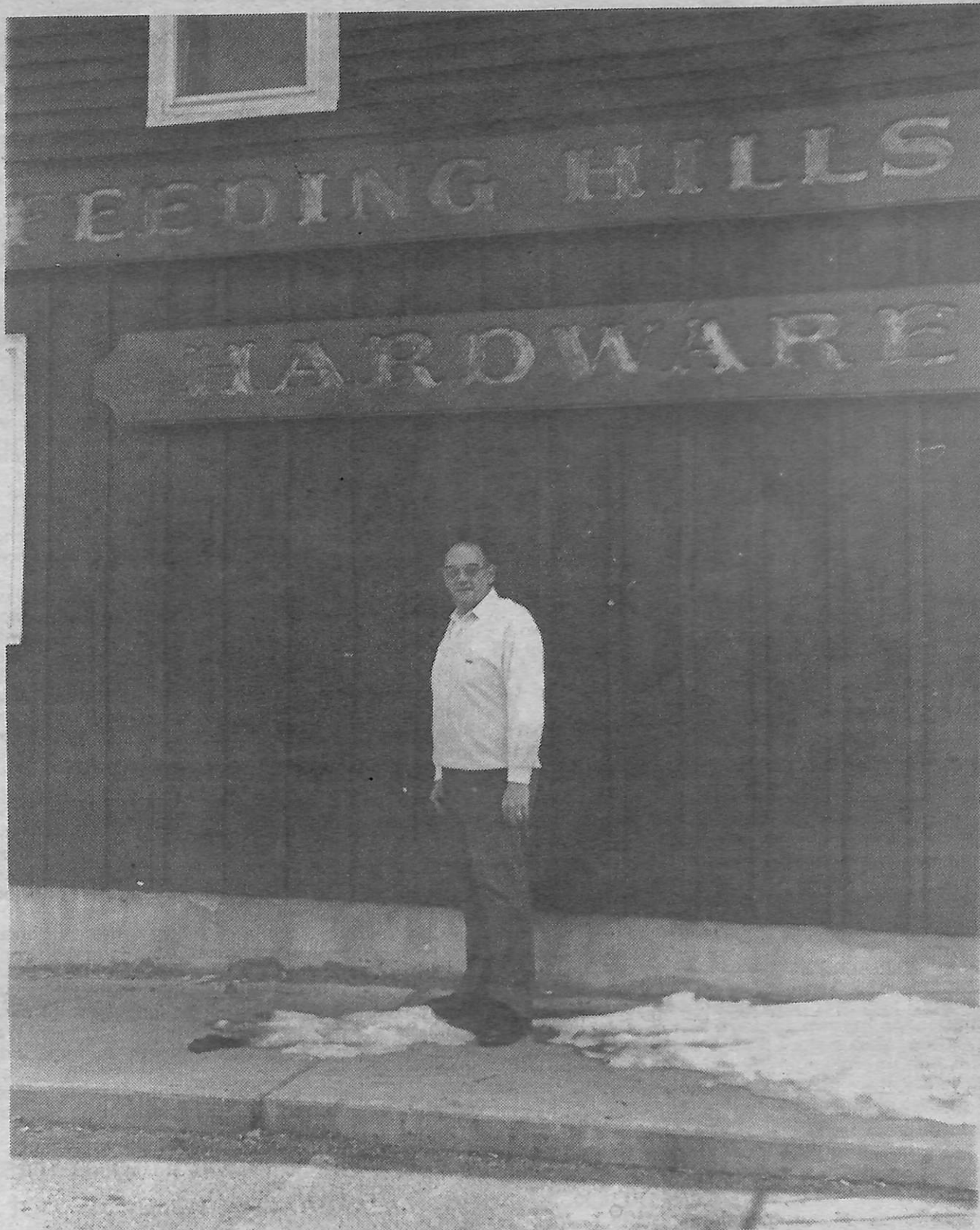
In addition, the business specializes in glass, particularly in window replacement and repairing. In the beginning, customers brought their 'window problems' to the store; today, the store goes to the customer. They offer the only mobile service for household glass repairs in their service area, which is all of Western Massachusetts.

Another facet of the business is their expertise in installation of mirrors — all sizes. They are also specialists in glass table tops, or wherever one may wish a glass top.

The Serras are an Agawam family. Fred and son, Tony, an Agawam high graduate, work full time both in the store and on the road. Fred's wife, Fran, also puts in a lot of time, as does Fred's father, Alfred.

Alfred, now 87 years-old, came with his folks directly to Agawam from Italy when he was only five years-old. His life has been spent in the construction business. With the exception of a few years living across the river in Springfield, the family has always lived in Agawam.

The elder Serras now live in Colonial Haven Apartments on Main Street. Alice Serra, Fred's mother, is a dedicated volunteer at the Agawam Senior Center.



**FEEDING HILLS HARDWARE** owner and operator Fred Serra poses outside of his Feeding Hills Center business. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Related photo on Feeding Hills Hardware on next page!

**Spotlight On Business** is a regular feature!

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"If you pick up a starving dog and make him prosperous, he will not bite you. This is the principal difference between a man and his dog."  
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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Friday, March 14th  
Oldies Concert  
Benefits Muscular Dystrophy  
Chez Josef, Shoemaker Lane  
8:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 15th  
Young People's Symphony  
Bay State West Center Court  
1:00 to 1:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 16th  
Agawam Cancer Society Kickoff  
Agawam Rollaway Rink  
Main Street  
7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 19th  
Rape Prevention Discussion  
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### STANDARD UNIFORM - From Page 1...

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## New I-Park Tenant...



**MARK HAYMES, plant manager of Standard Uniform on Walnut Street Extension, is pictured with employees Victor Cestari (right) and Estelle Pereira at the official site dedication of the new Standard Uniform building that will be erected at the Agawam Regional Industrial Park.** Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Hampden Stroke Club To Meet March 20th

The monthly meeting of the Hampden Stroke Club will be held Thursday, March 20th, at 7:00 p.m., at the West Springfield Police Station, 26 Central Street, West Springfield.

Gail Allen, a member of the Stavros, Inc., staff of Amherst, will present a program of information, resources, and skills that can be used by a person with disabilities in meeting the challenge of everyday life.

Easter Seal Stroke Clubs are comprised of people who have had a stroke, their families, and friends. Each club is designed to offer peer group support among members and is a member's best resource for developing a better understanding of his disability.

Members of Easter Seal Stroke Clubs also have the support of other Easter Seal services, including Easter Seal Home Health Care. This service offers the full spectrum of home care services, including nursing, physical, speech and occupational therapy, and home health aides.

For more information about Easter Seal Stroke Clubs or other services, please contact the Western Regional Easter Seal Office, 734-6434.

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## Weaponry Program At Museum Of Fine Arts

Collectors and would-be collectors of arms and weaponry won't want to miss the Springfield Library and Museums Association's Treasure Hunting Program, Wednesday, March 19th, when Peter DeRose presents "Arms-Making in the Pioneer Valley," at 5:30 p.m., at the Museum of Fine Arts, on the Quadrangle, corner of State and Chestnut streets.

DeRose, co-publisher of the *Daily Hampshire Gazette* in Northampton and an arms collector himself, will discuss weaponry from both a historical perspective and a collector's point of view.

"The Pioneer Valley has been the center of our nation's weapon-producing industry since Colonial times," he said. Among the reasons, he noted, were good reserves of iron ore in Connecticut and the presence of the river itself for power and transportation.

"The valley is also far enough from the coast that it was protected from marauding British ships during the Revolution," he added.

In addition to this historical background, DeRose will give collectors valuable tips on what weapons are available in the area and what their values are.

His talk, accompanied by slides, will include both swords and guns.

DeRose said he became interested in arms as a child through his father's collection. Last May, he received the National Rifle Association Award for a display he designed and coordinated for the NRA's national convention in Seattle.

Treasure Hunting is held the third Wednesday of every month at the art museums. Admission is \$5.50 per lecture for Friends of the Quadrangle, and \$6.50 for non-members. Refreshments are served at 5:30 p.m., followed by the presentation at 6:00 p.m. A question period follows.

For reservations or additional information, contact the Membership Office, 739-3871, extension 265.

The Springfield Library and Museums Association is a non-profit organization which includes the City Library system, the Connecticut Valley Historical Museum, the Museum of Fine Arts, the George Walter Vincent Smith Art Museum, and the Springfield Science Museum.

## Chinese Auction Set At Polish Club

On Sunday, April 13th, the Polish American Women's Auxiliary will be holding its first public "Chinese Auction," sometimes known as a "penny sale."

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The place - Polish American Club Pavilion, 139 Southwick Street, Route 57, Feeding Hills, MA, at 2:00 p.m.

Hope to see you there! For more information, please call 786-1359.

## Oldies Concert To Benefit Muscular Dystrophy

On Friday night, March 14th, at 8:00 p.m., at Chez Josef, Agawam, there will be an oldies concert called "An Evening Of Solid Gold," starring from Connecticut, Legacy and WGAF (We Generate Allotta Fun), and from New York, Larry Chance and the Earls, The Jive Five, and The Capris. Also appearing will be magician Ed Dunhill.

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## Technical High Class Of 1961 Plans 25th Reunion

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## FIRE-WISE

by Rusty Jenks - Agawam Fire Chief

### Don't Go Up In Smoke

One of the most common causes of deaths in home fires is careless smoking. It has been estimated that 35 percent of all home fire deaths (about 1,500 a year) and 17 percent of all home fire injuries are caused by cigarette fires. Over \$300 million in property is lost in these fires. The Agawam Fire Department recommends that special precautions be taken to avoid a cigarette fire.

- Provide large, deep ashtrays for smokers.
- Do not place ashtrays on the arms of furniture.
- Most cigarette fires involve dropping a hot cigarette on beds or upholstered furniture or clothing. A lit cigarette can smolder for 20-30 minutes before igniting anything. Check furniture before going to bed. Never smoke in bed or while reclining in upholstered furniture.

- Make sure ashes are completely cold before emptying them. Try wetting ashtray contents before throwing them in the trash.

- Install extra smoke detectors in smokers' bedrooms and other areas they spend time in.

- The combination of smoking and drinking alcohol can be fatal. Keep an eye on those in that condition.

## Young People's Symphony In Concert March 15th

The Young People's Symphony, under the baton of Maestro Robert Gutter, music director for the Springfield Symphony Orchestra, will perform a spring concert, Saturday, March 15th, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., at the BayState West Center Court.

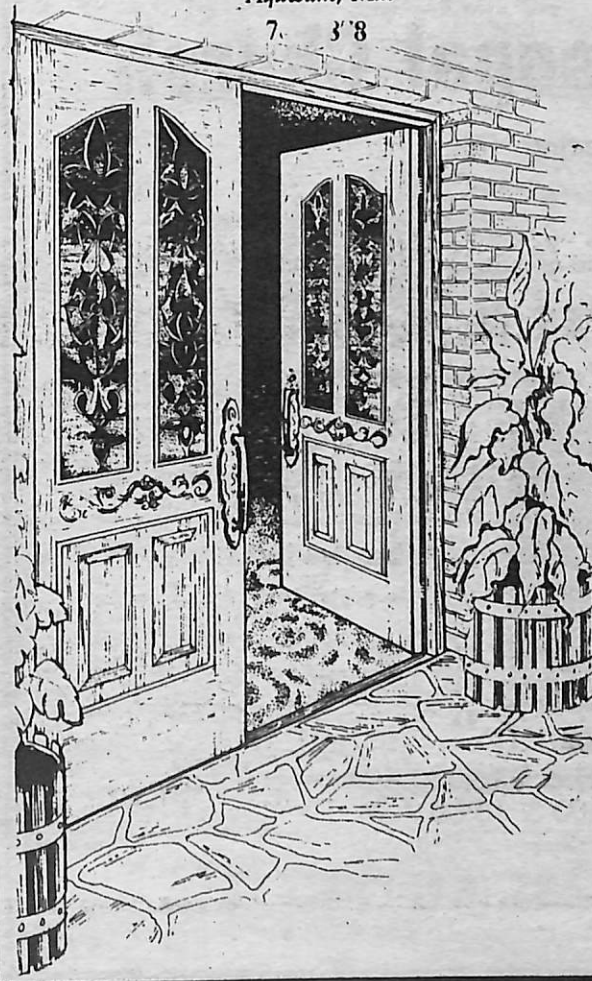
The program will include selections from Leonard Bernstein's *West Side Story*, Richard Rodgers' *Victory at Sea*, and Irving Berlin's *Easter Parade*, as well as other favorites.

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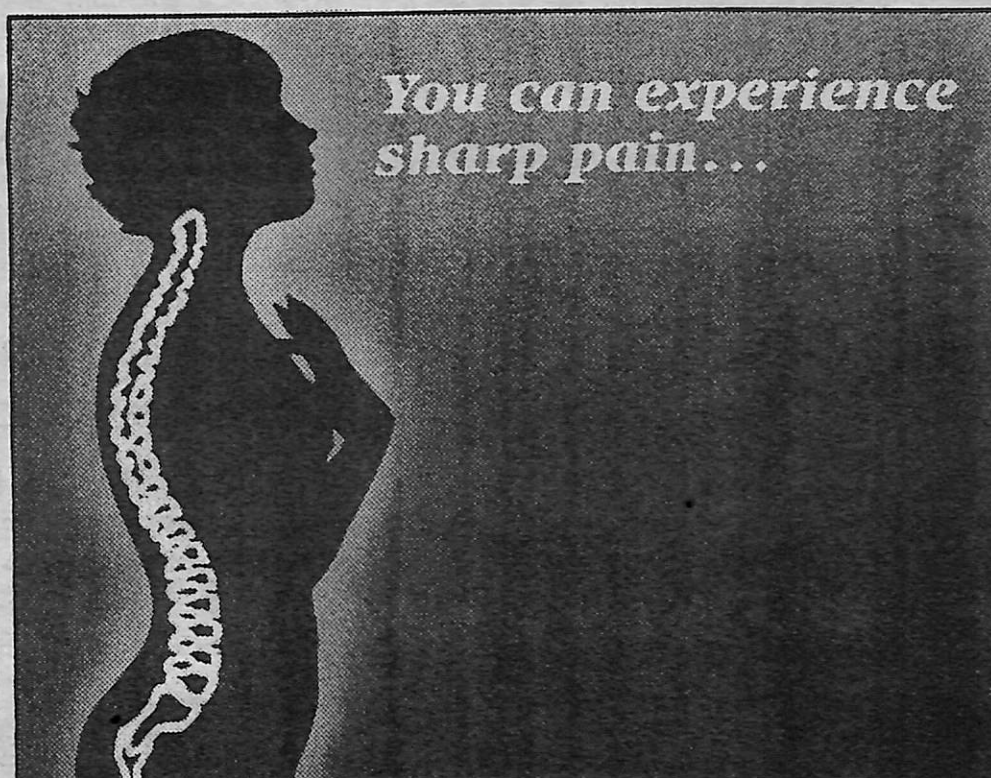
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# Gregorian System Still Confusing To Telling Dates

by Mildred Talmadge  
Advertiser News Feature Writer

## Calendars Through The Ages

If you forgot to turn your calendar to March 1st, it won't matter because the date falls on the same day of the week as it did in February. Perpetual calendars can remain untouched except it would be less confusing if March showed at the top.

Not being a leap year, February had only 28 days; four even weeks of seven days each.

The Gregorian calendar, now in use, was not adopted by the American colonists until 1752, hence George Washington, who was born in 1732, was actually born on February 11th by the then Julian calendar. Older people alive at the time refused to adjust, hence they noted birthdays and anniversaries both ways: OS (old style) and NS (new style).

Of course, eventually births under the Gregorian calendar took over and the double identification fell by the wayside.

The problem lies with the fact that the year is 12 lunar months or, as the experts tell us, 354 days, eight hours, and 48 minutes. When I multiply 28 by 12, I get 336. It seems the Chinese added an intercalary month every 19 years to reconcile the lunar year with the solar year.

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So now we come to that:

The solar year is 365 days, five hours, 48 minutes, and 46 second. How did the Creator let that happen? If you find that confusing, wait until we get to the year 46 B.C.

That was the year that the calendar of Ancient Rome was adjusted to conform to the Julian calendar. Actually, the previous year they had to lengthen the days to compensate for the errors of the Roman calendar. It is certainly confusing to read about. It must have been horrendous to live through.

At Stonehenge on the Salisbury Plain in Great Britain, one learns that the moon is reckoned in 60 year cycles. If you are that age now, the moon is back to the beginning of the cycle again where it was when you were born.

The astronomical mathematics are mind-boggling for me, but to be told, while I was standing there viewing it, that what is left is only a small portion of the original due to deterioration, chipping, and stealing mementoes until strict protection was installed; that is distressing.

I suppose if the calendar was set-up my way, there would be another "Year of Confusion." I lean towards the Chinese lunar months of 28 days. That would account for 336 solar days — so — we'd have one more month of 29 days. We wouldn't need the jingle:

*Thirty days hath September*

*April, June, and November;*

*Except the second month incline*

*When leap year makes it twenty-nine.*

The biggest problem with my idea could well be what to name that new month. We'd probably have a contest and offer an exotic prize to the winner.

The Egyptians' idea wasn't so bad either. They did introduce the 24 hour day. Their calendar was set up with 12, 30-day months, and then they added five additional days at the end of the year.

The fourth year in our present calendar called Leap Year (the year when the female may propose to the male) will be okay for the year 2000, because four is divisible into that.

I still don't know how they adjusted it in 1700, 1800, and 1900, when four did not divide evenly into those years. If anyone can answer that, let me know. I suspect they just ignored it.

In 1930, the World Calendar Association proposed "The Calendar of the Future." Everyone who studied it agreed it was a great improvement. It got as far as the United Nations, but was turned down because the changeover would be too complicated. That happened before and people managed. Is it really a valid reason for rejecting an improvement?

In any case, we are presently on the Gregorian calendar. Once we have passed through the early grades in school, we are expected to understand it. At least every child knows when his own birthday is, and Christmas. The jingle isn't too hard to memorize, "except the second month incline..." four, seven-day weeks or 28 days.

March is the same until the 29th — the reader can take it from there.

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**PUBLISHER'S NOTE:** Mildred Talmadge is a feature writer for the *Southwick Suffield Advertiser News*. This is a reprint from the SSAN edition of March 1st for the enjoyment of our Agawam readers.

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## Dave Kunasek Wins Top Insurance Award

Dave Kunasek, 64 Day Street, Feeding Hills, has won top honors in the Prudential Insurance Company's West Springfield District, it was announced by Joseph R. Buchonis, district manager.

Kunasek, a member of the West Springfield office, was named agent of the month for the month of February 1986. This award is based on professional accomplishments in the sale and service of Life and Health Insurance and Income Retirement Annuities (IRA).

In winning this prestigious honor, Kunasek competed against 39 sales representatives in the West Springfield District, which has offices in Great Barrington and West Springfield.



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Tuesday, March 25  
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# Arts



## PHILM REVIEW

by Phil Benoit  
Entertainment Editor

### -The Delta Force: 2½ STARS

Chuck Norris (*Invasion U.S.A.*) and Lee Marvin (*Death Hunt*) star as the leaders of a group of U.S. commandos who attempt to rescue the passengers of an American 707 that has been hijacked by Arab terrorists.

The first hour of this 126-minute film is an overly brutal depiction of the terrorists' takeover of the plane and the physical and emotional abuse which they inflict on their hostages. These grim scenes are thoroughly unpleasant to watch and leave a bad taste in your mouth.

Fortunately, the second half of *The Delta Force* is enjoyable and entertaining. The commandos' battle against the hijackers is action-packed, escapist adventure that leaves you cheering and redeems the story's earlier unsavoriness.

What's more, Norris gives a credible, gutsy performance that testifies to his continuing growth as an actor and further solidifies his standing as one of Hollywood's most likable leading men of action.

### -F/X: 2½ STARS

In this thriller, Australian actor Bryan Brown (the TV mini-series *The Thorn Birds*) plays a special-effects wizard who is hired by a U.S. government official (Cliff De Young) to use his cinematic talents to stage the fake assassination of a Mafia chieftain (Jerry Orbach).

Though it tries to outsmart and surprise us with a number of plot twists, *F/X* is a predictable picture. Since the story focuses on illusions that are created by special effects, we are prepared for the unexpected and, thus, are predisposed to not accept anything we see at face value.

Nonetheless, *F/X* is still a worthwhile film because it provides much fast-paced excitement and some top-notch acting, particularly by Brian Dennehy (*Twice in a Lifetime*) as a sharp-tongued, rough-and-ready police detective.

### -Hannah and her Sisters: 4 STARS

Mia Farrow (*The Purple Rose of Cairo*), Diane Weist (*Footloose*), and Barbara Hershey (*The Right Stuff*) portray the title characters in this Woody Allen picture, which is justifiably being hailed as this talented film-

maker's finest movie to date.

*Hannah and her Sisters* spans a time period of two years and examines the troubled romantic relationships of three women. Structured as a series of short scenes that focus on the sisters' viewpoints as well as those of the people who have much bearing on their lives, the film is a beautifully crafted tapestry of poignant emotion and rib-tickling humor in which Allen deals with self-confidence, responsibility, and human mortality, in addition to the fruitless search for problem-free love.

Furthermore, *Hannah and her Sisters* is rich with outstanding performances by each member of this picture's dynamic cast, including Michael Caine (*Educating Rita*), Max Von Sydow (*Never Say Never Again*), Carrie Fisher (*Return of the Jedi*), and Allen himself at his funniest and most endearing.

### -The Hitcher: 1 STAR

A totally implausible thriller about a mysterious hitchhiker (Rutger Hauer) who commits a series of cold-blooded murders and stalks a teenage motorist (C. Thomas Howell) along a barren highway in Texas.

Except for some eye-catching cinematography and an effectively creepy performance by Hauer (*Ladyhawke*), *The Hitcher* has nothing good to offer. It is a pretentious mess which is chock-full of psychological and supernatural overtones, and there isn't a trace of logic or common sense to be found anywhere in the story.

Hauer's character is an almost indestructible villain who manages to appear and disappear as though he was a ghost, and, in fact, we never actually learn anything about him or why he continually pursues the teenage motorist without trying to kill him outright as he did to other people he encountered.

### -Pretty in Pink: 2 STARS

A predictable and unimaginative comedy-drama about a poor girl (Molly Ringwald) who is asked to her senior prom by a rich boy (Andrew McCarthy) from her high school.

Written by John Hughes (who has also given us two of Ringwald's earlier pictures, *Sixteen Candles* and *The Breakfast Club*), *Pretty in Pink* handles the growing pains and peer pressure of the adolescent years in an honest and compassionate manner.

But, its story of a relationship between people of different social classes is all too familiar, and the film's failure to shed any new light on the subject makes this shortcoming even more apparent.

The acting in *Pretty in Pink*, however, is far better than the script, and Ringwald's performance, in particular, is good enough to earn the movie a marginal recommendation. Because of her impressive skill, this teenage actress is able to turn her one-dimensional role into an interesting character who possesses a per-

sonality that is both colorful and sensitive.

### -Wildcats: 1 STAR

This utterly mundane comedy stars Goldie Hawn as a high-school girls' track coach who fulfills a lifelong dream when she transfers to another high school in order to coach a rock-bottom boys' football team.

You don't need to be a film critic in order to figure out what happens in *Wildcats*. For that matter, you don't even need to see this picture in order to figure out what happens.

Consider the following:

The members of the football team do not, at first, warm up to good old Goldie because they feel that a woman can't do a good job of coaching this sport.

Then she eventually manages to earn their respect and confidence.

Then she gets her team to win enough games so that they make it to the championship.

Etc., etc..

Well, are you surprised?

Hawn (*Protocol*) herself has nothing to be ashamed of because she delivers a spunky performance that's funny and enjoyable to watch. However, *Wildcats* is not the kind of movie that does justice to her vast comedic talents.

### -Youngblood: 1 STAR

Teen heartthrob Rob Lowe portrays a farm boy who joins a hockey team, falls in love with the coach's daughter (Cynthia Gibb), and leads his team to a championship game against their number-one rival.

What went wrong with *Wildcats* is the same problem with *Youngblood*, so I won't waste your time by repeating myself. Suffice it to say that this film is saved from being total trash by the decent efforts of Lowe (*St. Elmo's Fire*) and his fellow cast members.

## \*THE PHILM GUIDE FOR PARENTS:

-*The Delta Force*: Rated R for its numerous scenes of violent combat.

-*F/X*: Rated R for violence and strong language.

-*Hannah and her Sisters*: Rated PG-13 for mature dialogue, themes, and situations.

-*The Hitcher*: Rated R for intense violence.

-*Pretty in Pink*: Rated PG-13 for profanity and mature situations.

-*Wildcats*: Rated R for strong profanity and one quick but explicit nude scene.

-*Youngblood*: Rated R for violence, strong language, and nudity.

## Agawam "Silver Star Players" To Present New Production

The Silver Star Players, the Agawam Senior Center Drama Group, will present its next production under the direction of Karen Hennessey of South Hadley.

Ms. Hennessey studied drama at St. Anselm's College in Manchester, New Hampshire, and was involved in several productions during her years at St. A's, winning "Best Actress" in 1983.

She has also worked as an assistant drama critic reviewing productions of the Mt. Holyoke Summer Theatre. She is presently doing graduate work at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

"I love all forms of drama and I am really looking forward to it," Ms. Hennessey stated. The production will be scheduled for mid-September.

If you are interested in joining the Senior Center Drama Group, please contact Ginny at the Senior Center, 786-0400, extension 242.

## Agawam High Jazz Band Takes Second Place In Division I

On Wednesday, February 26th, at Holyoke High School, Holyoke, the Agawam High Jazz Band, under the direction of Scott Thomson, placed second in Division I of Western Massachusetts Jazz Band Competition, sponsored by the National Association of Jazz Educators.

Along with second place honors, three students received personal citations for "Outstanding Musician-

ship." They were Joe Bourbonnais, drums; Kelley Bolduc, flugel horn; and Tom Gionfriddo, trombone.

The Jazz Band will be competing in the state finals in Fitchburg, Saturday, March 15th. Also, they will be playing for the NCAA Division II National Basketball Championships at the Springfield Civic Center, March 21st, and at a competition at the University of New Hampshire, March 22nd.

## Arts & Humanities Accepts Grant Applications

The Agawam Arts and Humanities are accepting grant applications. Applications must be turned in by April 1st.

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The applications may be picked up at the Town Hall or the Agawam Library.

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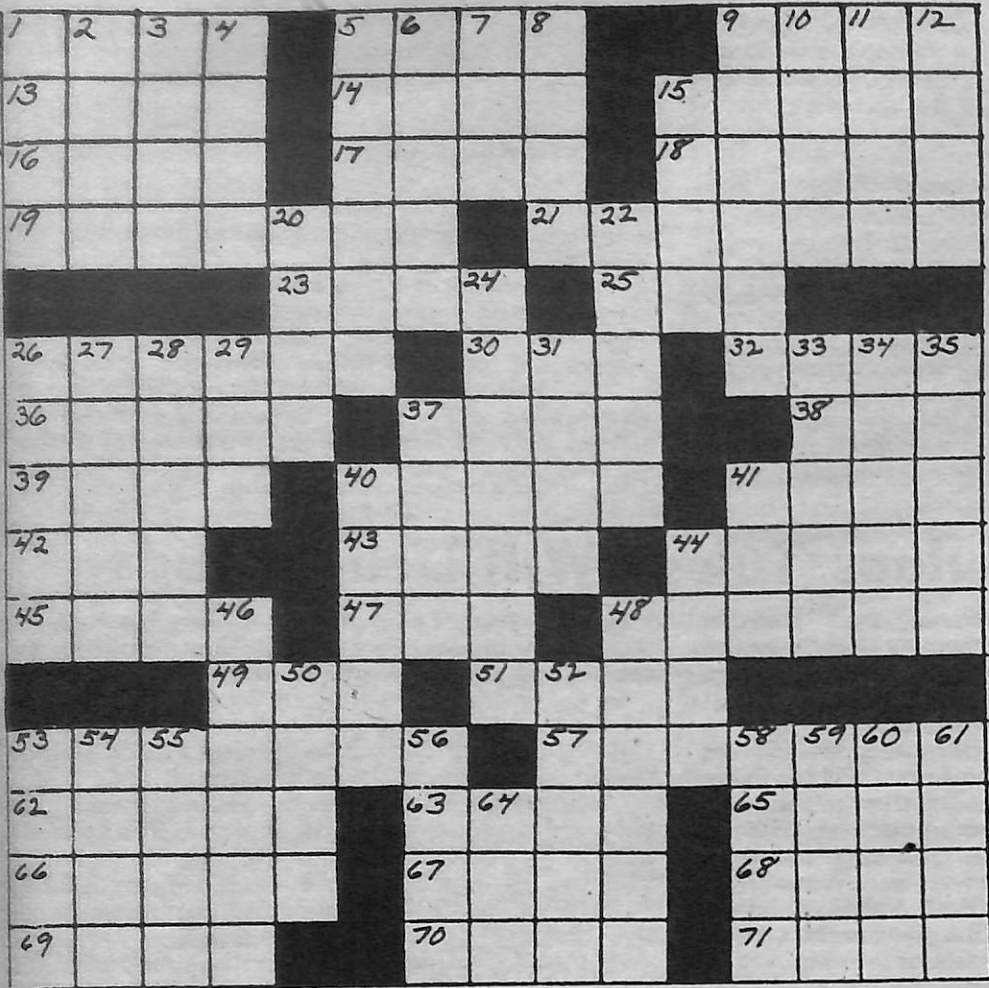
Special rates for Senior citizens \$16.50. Limited number of tickets. Call 786-5304 for reservations.

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All reservations must be in by April 4th.



# MEET THE MASTER - by Dick Mastroianni



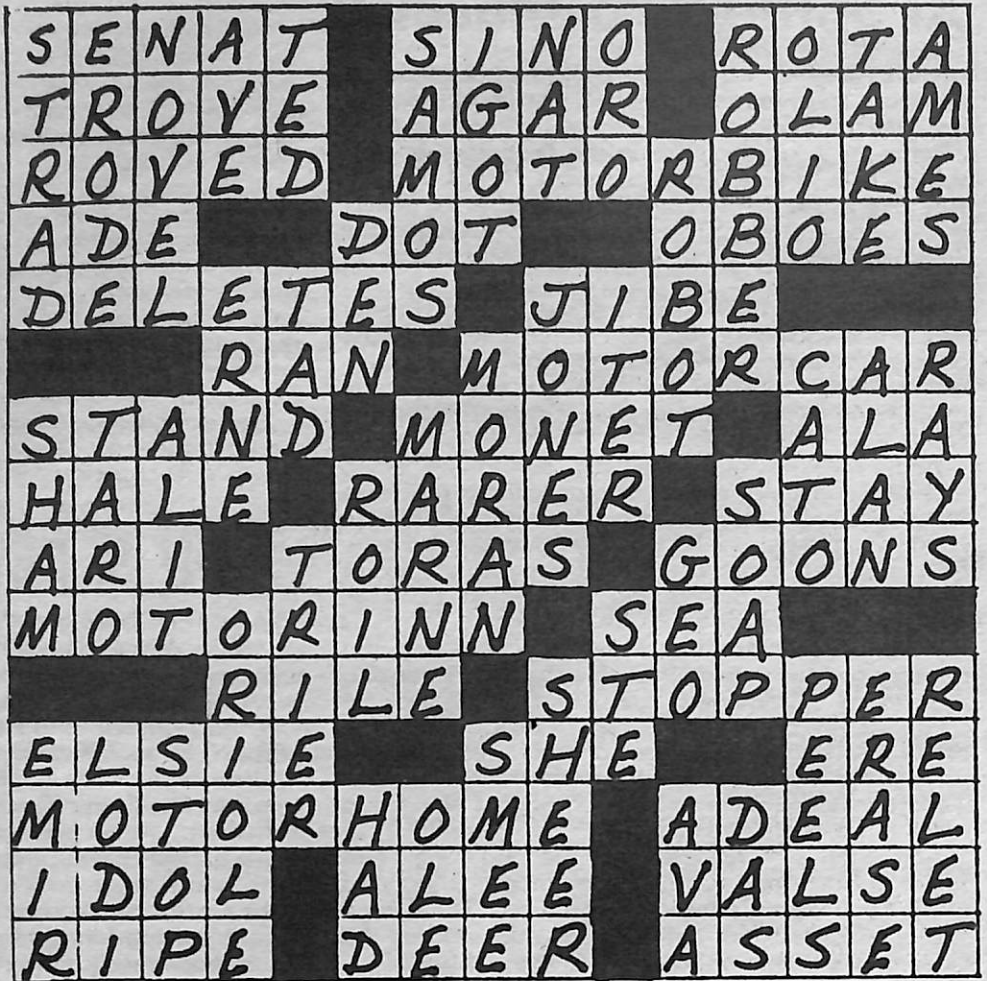
## ACROSS

1. Coagulate
5. "The - of War" - For-
9. Pretense
13. Leave out
14. Malevolent
15. Anoint
16. Peter Lorre role
17. Pineapple (Sp.)
18. Danny De - of Taxi
19. Behan
21. Benny
23. Region
25. Verb form
26. Wolfgang
30. Treasure Island author (monog.)
32. Pealed out
36. Wear away
37. Printing term
38. Large reptile
39. Without: Latin
40. Appears to be
41. Endure
42. "Heel and -"
43. "My Friend -"
44. Famous Count
45. Handle
47. Greek T
48. Hart's partner
49. Turmeric
51. Graf -
53. Primo
57. Alger
62. Table spreads
63. Strike
65. Weaver's frame
66. Rump - skin
67. Manner
68. Ms. Baxter
69. One of Liz's husbands
70. British gun
71. Approach

## DOWN

1. Rake
2. God of love
3. Golfer Tom
4. English school
5. Leave
6. Sheeplike
7. - and tonic
8. Refuse
9. Brooklyn's Duke
10. Tiller
11. Thomas - Edison
12. Nasty
15. Hebrew lyre
20. Venture
22. Kilns
24. Ward
26. Hostess with the mostest
27. Hunter constellation
28. Areas
29. Lemon follower
31. Tony of champagne fame
33. Insult
34. Negative response
35. Openings
37. Blood serum
40. Indian musical instrument
41. Fall behind
44. South African
46. Eddie
48. Bring to trial again
50. Bridge seat
52. Facet
53. Price
54. Choir voice
55. Scottish philos.
56. Snakes
58. Alda
59. Sound
60. Celt church
61. Hebrew measure
64. Building site

# LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION...



## Early American Spinning At Historic Museum

Two Early American household crafts, spinning and weaving, complement one another in the "Made-By-Hand" demonstration, Sunday, March 23rd, from 1:30 to 4:00 p.m., at the Connecticut Valley Historical Museum.

Spinner **Jane Oswecki of Windsor** will give a spinning demonstration using several spinning wheels, including a Sturbridge Wheel, a great wheel, and one for spinning flax. She owns a small, registered Corriedale and mixed breeds flock of sheep, valued for their fleece. Mrs. Oswecki was taught to spin by a former Henry Ford Museum staffer who specialized in colonial crafts.

Spinning, practiced mostly in the home, was a job for the thrifty colonial woman. Only a few spinning businesses existed in 17th century America, and only a few colonists could afford fabrics from England.

In order to supply enough cloth, a Massachusetts law of 1640 required every household to sow flax and to use it to spin the yarn for weaving the linsey-woolsey fabric, a colonial staple.

**Ann Byron of Hampden** will be demonstrating weaving techniques used in the 17th and 18th centuries, as well as some of the technological changes that

brought about the weaving industry.

Mrs. Byron has attained her apprentice rating through the Boston Weavers Guild, the oldest weavers guild in the country, and is currently enrolled at Hill Institute in Florence, where she is submitting her work for juried evaluation toward master weaver craftsmanship status. She is also a member of the Weavers of Western Massachusetts.

The weaver's work is not confined to tools, a loom, and material; it takes imagination to produce designs and ornaments of historic and artistic importance.

In Colonial America, flaunting the homespun became a sign of independence. Homespun also became a testimony of the colonists' creativity, shown in the amazing variety of patterns in American weaving developed on the farms and in the villages.

The Connecticut Valley Historical Museum is supported in part by grants from the Springfield Arts Lottery, the Massachusetts Council on the Arts and Humanities, and the Institute of Museum Services.

The historical museum is located on the Quadrangle, at the corner of State and Chestnut Streets in downtown Springfield, and is a member of the Springfield Library and Museums Association.

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## "World Of Dr. Seuss" At Springfield Museum

Have you ever wished you could recapture the innocence and imagination you possessed in your carefree childhood days? Here's your chance to be as creative as you ever were in the best days of your youth. Join art educator/performer Andy May of Amherst, in *The Wonderful World of Dr. Seuss* gallery at the George Walter Vincent Smith Art Museum at the "Art a la Carte" program, Wednesday, March 26th, at 12:15 p.m.

Andy May will have all sorts of surprises in store for you. While you make yourself comfortable, he'll pass out crayons, pencils, and sheets of paper with partially-drawn Seuss characters and help you not only complete them, but invent your own fantastic Seuss-type creatures!

Andy May, painter, designer, performing artist, musician and songwriter, is also an artist-in-residence for schools and cultural organizations throughout the Northeast. He holds a b.f.a. in art education from the University of Massachusetts, and has also studied at the School of Visual Arts and High School of Music and Art, both in New York City.

As an art educator, May views his role as that of a resource person, making available the experience of a wide range of materials, tools, and techniques. He says, "In an atmosphere where individual creative problem-solving is encouraged and nurtured, these experiences give students a better understanding of their world and teach them to function in that world in a fuller, more expressive manner."

Admission is \$1 for Friends of the Quadrangle and senior citizens, and \$2 for non-members. Bring your lunch if you wish. Coffee will be provided. The George Walter Vincent Smith Art Museum is located on the Quadrangle, corner of State and Chestnut Streets.

## Westfield State Strings At Museum Of Fine Art

Prior to its debut as quartet-in-residence at Westfield State College, the Symphony String Quartet will perform at the Museum of Fine Arts, Wednesday, March 19th, at 12:15 p.m. The Museum of Fine Arts is located on the Quadrangle, corner of State and Chestnut Streets.

The Symphony String Quartet will make its official debut in Westfield later in the spring of this season. The residency will provide students of Westfield State College with the benefits and advantages of having a professional string quartet on campus. The Symphony String Quartet will rehearse and hold masterclasses on campus, as well as present a full recital each semester in Westfield and on other area established music series.

Members of the Symphony String Quartet, Marsha Harbison and Eric Tanner, violins; Carol Hutter, viola; and Perri Weitzner, cello, are also members of the Springfield Symphony Orchestra. Accomplished musicians in their own right, "their combined efforts will provide us all with the opportunity to experience the String Quartet, the epitome of Chamber Music," states Ted Davidovich, chairman of the Department of Music at Westfield State College.

Other recital dates prior to their debut in Westfield are scheduled at Wistariahurst Museum and area public schools.

Admission is \$1 for Friends of the Quadrangle and senior citizens, and \$2 for non-members. The audience is invited to bring a bag lunch and coffee will be served.

## Victorian Silver Subject At Science Museum

Victorian presentation silver from the Springfield area is the subject of an exhibit that opened recently at the Connecticut Valley Historical Museum. Presentation silver gets its name from the fact that pieces of silver were often presented as gifts to commemorate special occasions.

In America, the custom dates back to the 1660s, when pieces of silver were often given as wedding or christening presents.

By the late 1800s, presentation silver was given on a much wider variety of occasions. Military heroes, winners of sporting events, and community leaders all received presentation silver. Elaborately decorated and engraved pieces of silver were given to commemorate all sorts of events in Victorian America.

The exhibit features pieces from the museum's collections and from several private collections. Most of the silver is associated with Springfield people, places,

and events. Bicycling, rowing, and auto racing trophies that were awarded to local athletes can be seen. Silver cups, pitchers, and bowls presented to area businessmen, community leaders, and military heroes are also on display.

The exhibit will run through June 30th. It is a part of the Springfield Library and Museums Association's ongoing celebration of the city of Springfield's 350th anniversary. For information on other events, call 739-3871.

The Connecticut Valley Historical Museum is supported in part by grants from the Springfield Arts Lottery, the Massachusetts Council on the Arts and Humanities, and the Institute of Museum Sciences.

The historical museum is located on the Quadrangle, at the corner of State and Chestnut Streets in downtown Springfield, and is a member of the Springfield Library and Museums Association.

## "Tall & Fabulous Tales" Will Delight Kids

The "Tall Tales and Fabulous Fables" activities, Sunday, March 23rd, will be held at both Springfield Art Museums, from 1:00 to 4:30 p.m., free of charge, with support from the Massachusetts Council on the Arts and Humanities, a state agency.

From 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. at the Museum of Fine Arts: — Watch the "Tales of King Arthur" Puppet Performance by the Comic Theatre. The show recreates the excitement, adventure, and magic of Britain's medieval past using Rod puppets, human actors, and a multi-leveled stage.

The first of two legends is about Arthur's childhood and rise to kingship. Queen Guinevere and Merlin the Wizard each recall a favorite tale of their beloved Arthur. This story concludes with the end of Arthur's boyhood as he pulls the sword from the anvil and becomes King of Britain.

The second tale is the mature Arthur and Sir Gawain, one of the knights of the Round Table. We watch as King Arthur gets into trouble with an ogre and must solve a riddle to save his life. A bewitched hag helps

him, but first asks a favor in return, one that King Arthur cannot readily grant. With Sir Gawain's help, the spell is broken and all ends happily.

At the George Walter Vincent Smith Art Museum: — From 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., watch Mark Maciolek's Unique, One-Man Show as he becomes Hans Christian Andersen in "My Life...A Fairy Tale."

Maciolek uses theatre-creative drama, masks, and puppetry in a series of amusing short sketches followed by workshops and discussions involving the audience. Children of all ages have delighted in reading Andersen's "stories," however they know little about the creator.

As a youth, his life was filled with frustration; he was constantly mocked, rejected, and insulted. Through God's mercy, his own burning desire, and courage to succeed, his life developed much like that of a beautiful fairy-tale.

Both the Museum of Fine Arts and the George Walter Vincent Smith Art Museum are located on the Quadrangle, corner of State and Chestnut Streets.

## Kent Memorial Library Slates Comment On Witty Biography

Suffield: "Confessions of an Advertising Man," David Ogilvy's witty and upbeat biography, will be the subject of a special program at the Kent Memorial Library, Thursday, March 20th, at 7:30 p.m.

Wildly successful as head of his own ad agency, Ogilvy with little humility but lots of humor, traces an amazing career which realized his mother's prophecy that he "was likely to acquire more money than was good...for him)...without any help from her."

Ogilvy also talks about the inner workings of what can be a crazy and irrational business. Although not reluctant to point out the flaws and pitfalls of the high-pressure ad-game, the author manages to crystallize much of the positive as well. Along the way he manages to make a few points that can apply in any occupation.

Patrick Sullivan of Springfield College will present a lecture on Ogilvy's book. It will be followed by a group discussion.

For more information, please call the library, 668-2325. The Kent Memorial Library is located at 50 North Main Street in Suffield.

## Thomas Bennett Performed Piano Recital At Bowdoin

Thomas J. Bennett, a senior at Bowdoin College, performed a piano recital Saturday, March 8th, at 2:00 p.m., in the Bowdoin College Chapel.

The recital included the music of Mozart, Brahms, and Debussy, and was open to the public free of charge.

Bennett, of 432 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, is a Dean's List student with a double major in economics and music. He is also active in Masque and Gown, the college's student dramatic society.

## Hi-Lighters Square Dance Held At Valley Community

The Agawam Hi-Lighters Square Dance Club will hold a dance, Saturday, March 22nd, at Valley Community Church, South Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, at 8:00 p.m.

Norm Allard and Dave Muller will be the callers, and Linn Case will cue the rounds.

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## Let's Talk Travel

by Julie Mercadante  
Fugazy Travel



### St. Maarten Is Paradise

How would you like to enjoy the flavor of two countries for the price of one? This is what you get when you visit "Sint Maarten," the Dutch side of the island, or "St. Martin," the French side.

The island enjoys the sovereignty of France and Holland, so there are two ways to spell the name, two different currencies — the new franc (NF) — and the Netherlands Antilles florin (NAF) — two distinctive styles of architecture, and two ways of life. There are no customs or border patrols, just a sign welcoming you to the French or Dutch side of the island.

The temperature is in the 80's year round. Rainfall is scant and mostly in the fall.

The official language is Dutch and French but English is widely spoken.

Flying time from New York is 3½ hours. Proof of citizenship is required, e.g. voter's registration card or certified birth certificate.

Electricity is 110 volts AC 60 cycles on the Dutch side and 220 volts AC 50 cycles on the French side (where you'd need a converter).

#### Guest Houses To Deluxe Hotels

Most tourist hotels are on the Dutch side and range from guest houses to deluxe hotels. I've had clients stay at the "Horny Toad" guest house which is owned by a couple from Massachusetts and is extremely popular with "regulars" visiting it every year. I've never had the occasion to book anyone into "La Samanna" on the French side. Rates at this deluxe resort start at \$370 per night. Somehow, I don't expect you'll be calling in great numbers to make a reservation — but — who knows?

St. Maarten is one of my favorite destinations — as it has much to offer. Both times I visited the island I enjoyed ideal weather. There were a couple of cloudy days, but they were "friendly" clouds and I asked one of the islanders to push the clouds away and he did — and voila! the sun was shining.

Because of the friendliness of the people, the Dutch/French culture, the white sand beaches, and the year round sunshine, St. Maarten is known as the "Friendly Island."

Why go? How about 36 beaches — some completely deserted and all available to the public — even those where hotels and resorts are situated. Located on the French side is "Orient Beach" — for the adventurous. While this is a 1½ mile long "Au Naturelle" beach, bathing suits are optional. It could be listed as one of the sightseeing attractions. For the curious among you, yes, I did go — no, I did not participate.

#### Casinos, Discos, Shopping

There are casinos, discos, and shopping. There is a shop on Front Street that sells nothing but emeralds, from which I have a souvenir. Why bring home a t-shirt when you can bring home an emerald? I highly recommend renting a car to fully appreciate what the island has to offer.

Last but not least, my favorite topic — food. I visited several excellent restaurants with not only good food but great atmosphere on both sides of the island. My favorite stop was La Vie En Rose in the French capital of Marigot, where I lunched on delicious French pastry. I'm writing this article in front of a blazing fire, but I'd much rather be feeling the warmth of the St. Maarten sun right now.

Rates are starting to come in for the summer season and we'll have some good packages to the island — remember rates are much lower after April 15th.

**JOTS FROM JULIE:** Local residents Brenda & Glen Trombley and Gail & Bill Gonet just returned from a great trip to Jamaica. They stayed at one of the all-inclusive resorts that I mentioned in a previous column. They had a fun time and had nothing but praise for the hotel. Brenda's mind is already clicking — where shall we go next year??? She's got the traveling bug. That's for sure.

We still have space available in Bermuda — Special Memorial Day weekend, at \$496 p.p. 5/23/86 - 5/26/86 including air from New York. Please call me at Fugazy Travel, 732-3153, for further details.

### Granville Needlework Guild To Meet March 18th

Granville: The Granville Quilt and Needlework Guild will hold its monthly meeting at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 18th, at the Granville Federated Church Fellowship Hall, Route 57.

The program will be the second set of mini workshops offered for members to choose from. Courses offered will be counted cross stitch name tags, scrap bag dolls, miniature "house" patchwork, stenciling on fabric, doily hat potpourri, applique hearts, and charm quilts. Members will be contacted by phone concerning details.

The guild is now planning a quilt show October 11th, 12th, and 13th. Quilts will be displayed in six locations. Items to be shown will include newly-made quilts, antique quilts, quilted clothing, baby quilts, wall hangings, and other quilted items.

Anyone wishing to participate in the show by loaning their quilt for display should send a S.A.S.E. for details and entry forms to Granville Quilt and Needlework Guild, c/o Mary Lou Smith, 7 Pleasantview Road, Wilbraham, MA, 01095.

### "Merriweds" Prepare For Annual Americana Showcase

The "Merriweds" of Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam, will present their 19th Annual Americana Showcase of Arts, Crafts, and Collectibles, Saturday, March 22nd, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Many fine area craftsmen will feature such items as: wood folk art, needlecraft, silk flowers, stained glass, wooden toys, jewelry, collectibles, attic treasures, and more.

Lunch will be served by the Young Couples Group and home-baked foods will be on sale. Admission is 50 cents and door prizes will be drawn every hour.

The "Merriweds" welcome inquiries from exhibitors who may wish to join the 1986 Americana Showcase. For information, call 786-4363 or 786-8619.

LET'S TALK TRAVEL is a regular feature of the AAN. Call Julie Mercadante if you have any comment on her column.

### Sunday, March 16

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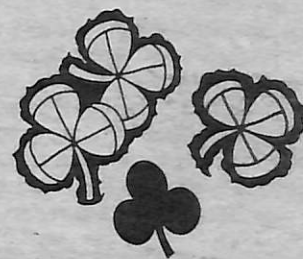
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# Schools

## Jr. High Students Study Shuttle Disaster As Part Of Writing Unit

by Alexis Ferioli  
School Department Editor

The on-going investigation of the space shuttle Challenger explosion is of particular interest to students of Lyn Lawrence at Agawam Junior High School.

Ms. Lawrence points out that her eight-member class began discussing space and the shuttle program last September as part of a creative writing unit.

Students were asked to write stories about some of the dangers they could possibly encounter in space and then design inventions which would help them avoid these dangers. Each story was to be accompanied by a drawing of either a space craft or invention.

Ms. Lawrence relates that, ironically, some of the dangers students listed included blowing-up, engine failure, losing oxygen, running out of food, breakage of life lines while floating outside the spacecraft, and falling into a black hole.

Some of the positive aspects of space travel noted by students included walking on the moon, discovering new plants and stars, becoming famous as an astronaut, and having adventures in space.

According to her, none of her pupils were prepared for the Challenger tragedy even though the above dangers had been discussed in class.

Consequently, as a means of helping students understand and accept the deaths of the Challenger's seven crew members, discussions concerning NASA's investigations into the disaster continue as new information is discovered and released.

### Worthwhile Program Should Continue

The majority of Ms. Lawrence's students believe that the space shuttle program is worthwhile and should continue. However, most feel that the astronauts should be informed of all problems prior to lift-off and should have a say in deciding if a mission should be aborted or proceed.

Likewise, five out of seven students believe only military personnel or robots should man the spacecraft rather than civilian personnel.

Dissenter Kenny Barlow notes, "Robots aren't always reliable and cannot tell you how they feel from space. I think everyone should have the right to travel in space if they want to."

Classmate Christopher Thomas states that, "Although space exploration is important for the future of mankind, there are many problems which need to be taken care of on Earth first." He also sympathizes with the astronauts who must make the difficult decision of leaving their families behind.

The lure of discovering new planets and stars attracts two members of Ms. Lawrence's class who relate that they would volunteer for the next space shuttle flight.

### Experience Weightlessness

Steven Cariveau says that he would especially like to experience weightlessness, while classmate Ernie Maysonet says living in close quarters with the same people for a long period of time would not pose a problem for him.

The consensus among students is that the Challenger tragedy could have been avoided if NASA officials heeded the advice of shuttle manufacturers who expressed their concern about the dangers of extreme cold weather on the rocket booster rings.

Although the group is confident the reason behind the disaster will be found and rectified, they believe more escape routes should be available for future shuttle crew members.

Ms. Lawrence reports that her class will not only continue to monitor the Challenger investigations, but also will contribute to the Children's Fund established for the crew members' families.

## Agawam PAC Schedules Craft Fair & Bake Sale

The Agawam Parents' Advisory Council for Special Needs Children (PAC) is pleased to announce that it will be hosting a Craft Fair and Bake Sale, Saturday, April 26th, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at the Italian Sporting Club, Cooper Street, Agawam.

Table space is available to those wishing to rent space. For further details and an application, please call or write Carol Shively, 1213 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, 786-4201.

All proceeds from this fundraiser will be used for the special needs children of Agawam.

Best Hometown News...



**STUDENTS OF LYN LAWRENCE** at Agawam Junior High have been closely monitoring the investigation of the space shuttle Challenger explosion as a follow-up to a creative writing unit on space. Displaying their drawings of futuristic space art are, standing, from left - Michon Hatin, Christopher Thomas, Ernie Maysonet, and Steven Cariveau. Seated, from left - Michael Shaughnessy, Jennifer Towne, and Kenny Barlow. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## PAC Supports HAPPE Committee Drive

The Agawam Parents' Advisory Council for Special Needs Children (PAC) is an organization that offers support to students with special needs and their families.

The needs of these students may range from a severe to minor disability. Most of these students, if diagnosed, are receiving services under the State mandated Chapter 766 Law.

In keeping with this law, these students must be educated in the "least restrictive environment." Many of these students are being educated in the "mainstream" of our public schools. Mainstreaming these students can enhance their education.

However, in some cases, due to the lack of knowledge on the part of school children, re-entry of these students into the mainstream can be disastrous.

These students are often made fun of by other students. For this reason, the Agawam PAC is supporting the HAPPE Project. It feels that through the demonstration of puppets with various disabilities, students without disabilities can become better educated about what it means to have a particular disability.

All of the Agawam students can benefit from this education process. PAC is so enthused by the HAPPE Project that it would like to work with this committee.

Statistics have shown that as many as three children in a classroom of 25 have a learning disability. Because this is a hidden handicap, PAC would like to see a learning disabled puppet purchased and included in this program in the future.



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## James Clark Students Observe Dental Month

by Alexis Ferioli  
School Department Editor

In observance of National Dental Health Month, third grade students of Shirley Letora at James Clark School were addressed by School Nurse Joan Malachowski as to the benefits of proper dental hygiene.

Mrs. Malachowski's visit, which culminated the student's health unit, is an annual presentation of the town's Health Department in conjunction with the Crest Company.

The Clark and Granger School nurse began her hour visit by discussing the various parts of the tooth and proper times to brush.

Next, the difference between soft and hard bristle toothbrushes was explained as well as proper brushing techniques.

Mrs. Malachowski stressed to the third graders the importance of keeping first teeth in good condition so that permanent teeth will grow in properly.

Besides demonstrating the use of dental floss, she discussed what foods are healthy for teeth and warned of the dangers of plaque.

A 20-minute animated filmstrip, "Conquering The Cavity Creeps," was then shown to the 29-member

class.

At the film's conclusion, students were given a brief quiz concerning proper dental hygiene.

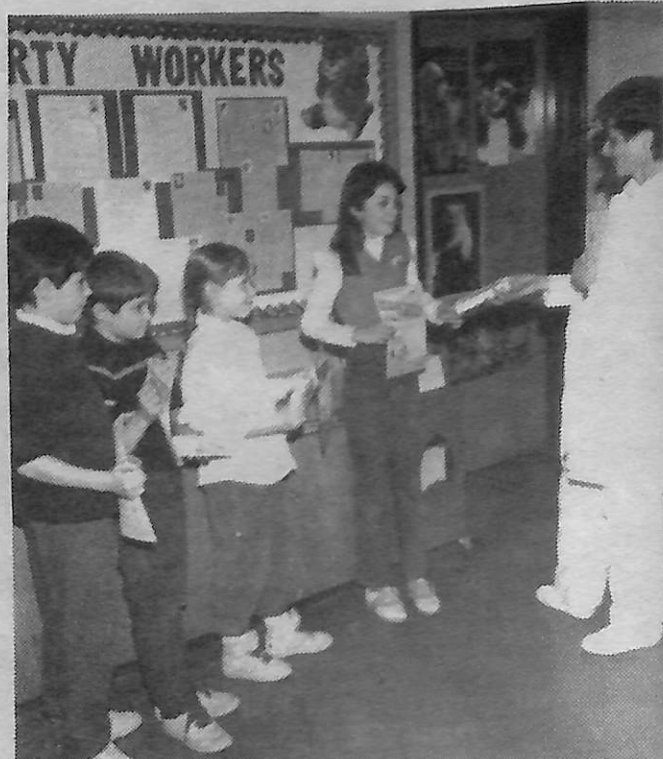
As a memento of her visit, each student was given a new tooth brush and tube of toothpaste compliments of the Crest Company.

Moreover, take-home coloring booklets illustrating the need for proper dental hygiene were distributed to the third graders.

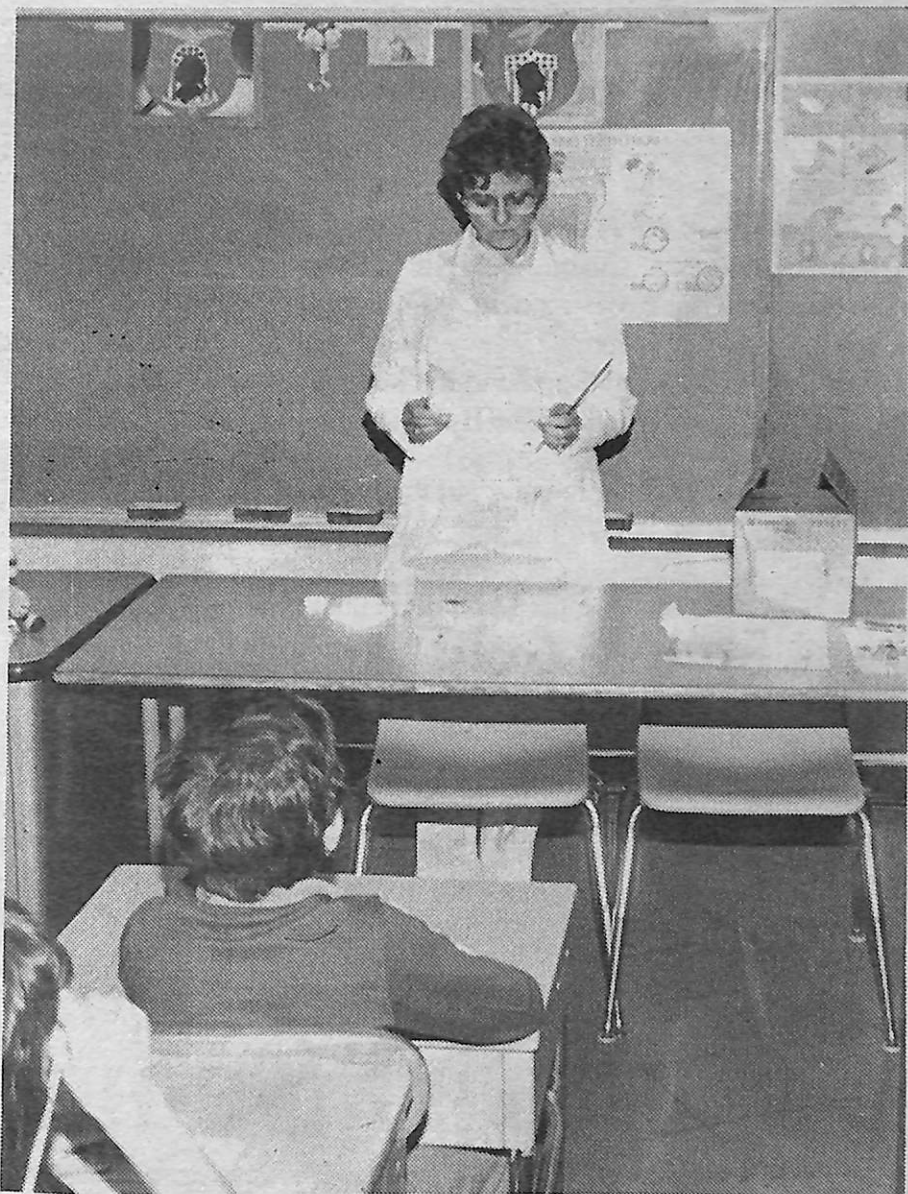
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Mrs. Malachowski says that each of the town's elementary school nurses presents a similar program to all third grade classes. She believes that the program is worthwhile since many students are not taught good dental care at home.

"Before the institution of Proposition 2½, students who were in need of dental care were provided professional services by the town. Today, however, many students never see a dentist until a serious problem arises. We believe that this film at least introduces them to the importance of good dental hygiene," she remarks.



**THIRD GRADE STUDENTS** of Shirley Letora happily receive new toothbrushes and activity booklets from school nurse Joan Malachowski. Mrs. Malachowski addressed the youngster concerning proper dental hygiene in recognition of National Dental Health Month. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



**SCHOOL NURSE JOAN MALACHOWSKI** discusses good dental health practices with James Clark School students as part of the school's observance of "National Dental Health Month."

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### James Clark PTO Schedules March Meeting

The James Clark PTO will hold its next PTO meeting, Wednesday, March 19th, at 7:00 p.m.

There will be no morning meeting. Following the business meeting, the PTO will have Agawam Police Detective James Franz as a guest speaker.

The subject of his talk will be "Rape Prevention." The PTO urges all parents and teachers to attend. Since this subject is of importance to all of us, the PTO also invites the public to attend. Detective Franz will begin the program at 7:30 p.m.

Refreshments will be served.

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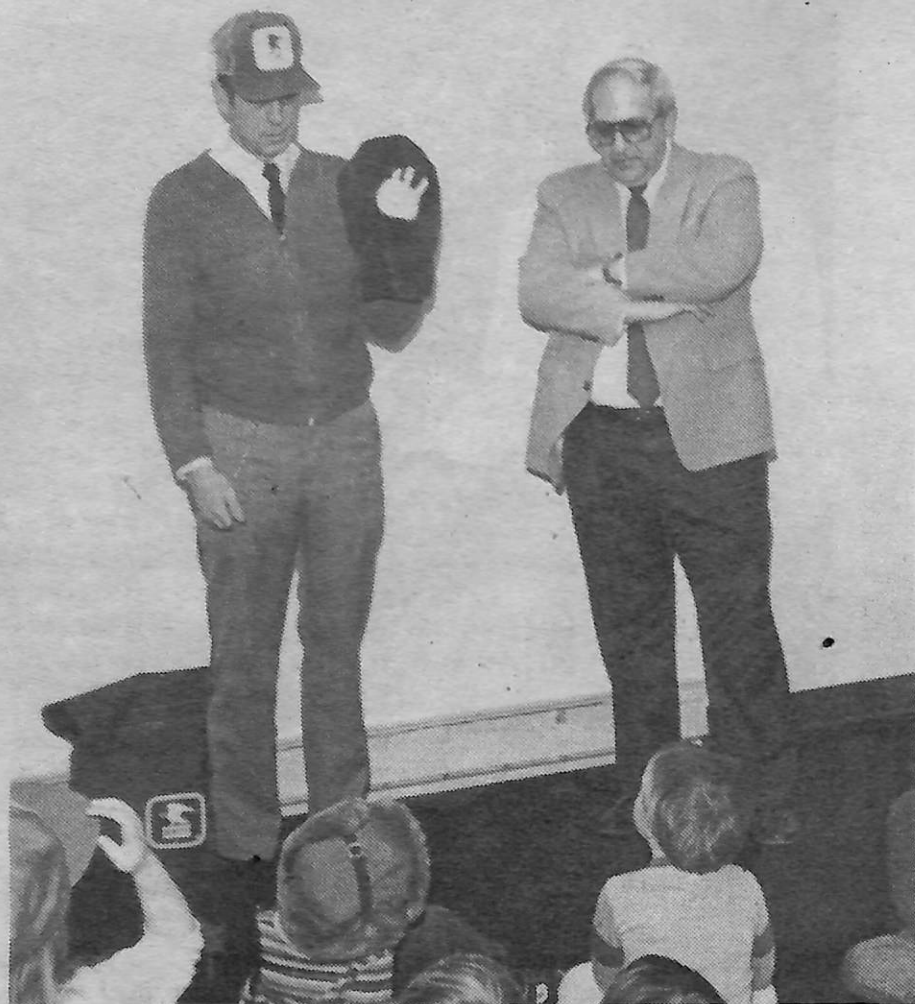
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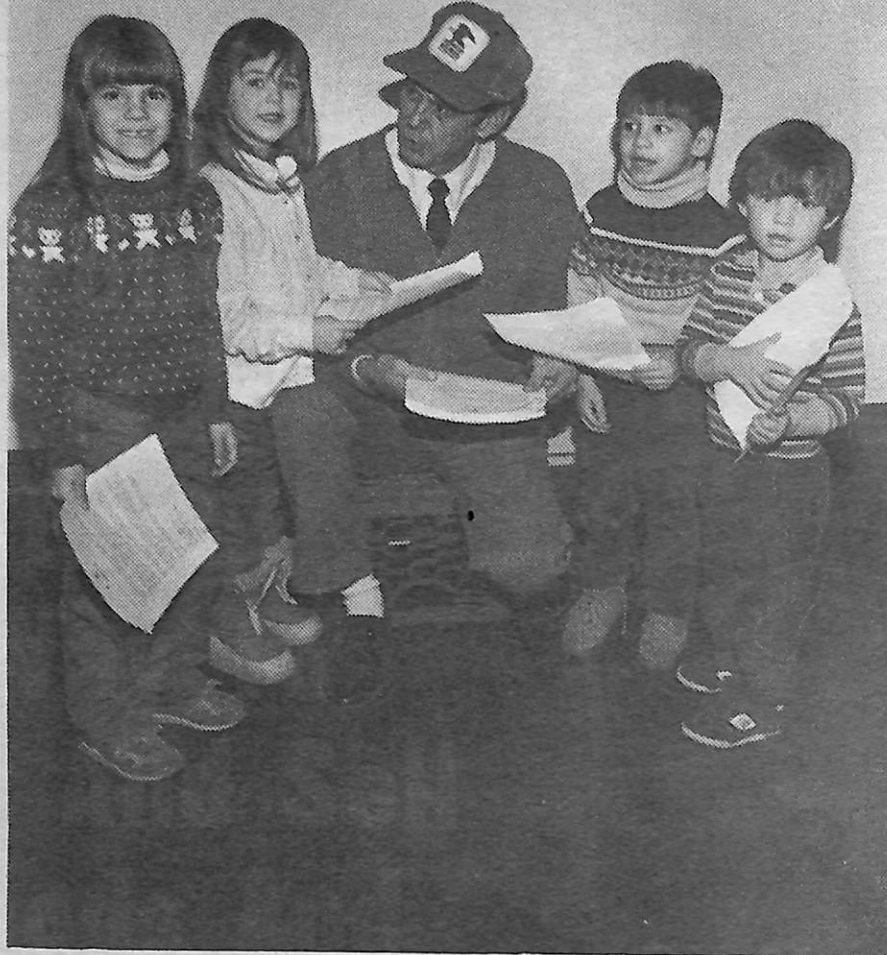




## Postal Officials Visit Local Nursery School



**POSTMAN BERNIE PAINE** and Acting Agawam Postmaster **Joseph Dahdah** (right) recently visited the Kids Place Nursery School, Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, to explain to the kids all about mail delivery. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



**POSTMAN BERNIE PAINE** presented members of the Kids Place Nursery School with letters from Springfield Postmaster **Jon Steele**. Children, from left, are - **Jennifer Mederros**, **Angela Tomei**, **Donny Galus**, and **Matthew Calhy**. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Cub Scout Pack 78 Holds Annual Blue & Gold Banquet

by Alexis Ferioli  
School Department Editor

The colors blue and gold were the theme of Cub Scout Pack 78's Annual Blue & Gold Banquet at the Polish American Club, Sunday, February 16th.

Approximately 125 scouts and their parents attended the evening celebration, which featured a pot luck supper.

Pack committee Chairman **Hugh McBride** points out that besides participating in various aspects of the evening's program, each scout received awards in recognition of their achievements.

Moreover, he relates that parents who participated on projects and committees were also presented plaques in appreciation of their services.

**McBride** reports that Pack 78 has spent the winter months enjoying a variety of fun-filled activities.

Besides a swim and gym and roller skating at the Agawam Rollaway, the scouts sponsored this year's annual Yukon Derby, Saturday, January 18th.

Open to all cub scout packs in the Knox Trail District, the day-long outdoor jamboree took place at Moses Scout Reservation, Russell, and was comprised of seven events designed for fun and to test the scouts' skills.

**McBride** relates that January's monthly pack meeting featured a uniform inspection as performed by **Fred Hathaway**, a 30-year Marine master gunnery sergeant, who is also scoutmaster for Boy Scout Troop

83 in West Springfield.

Each scout realized the importance of proper dress and personal appearance as they stood at attention before **Hathaway's** close scrutiny.

**McBride** notes that the entire pack passed inspection with a rating of 98 percent.

As a highlight of the meeting, the scouts were entertained by magician **Kurt Clark**. He amazed and thrilled them with his special style of "hocus pocus."

**McBride** states that spring promises to be another busy and exciting time of year for the scouts. Among the scheduled events planned are a karate demonstration, another visit to the Rollaway, a pack trip, picnic, and campout.

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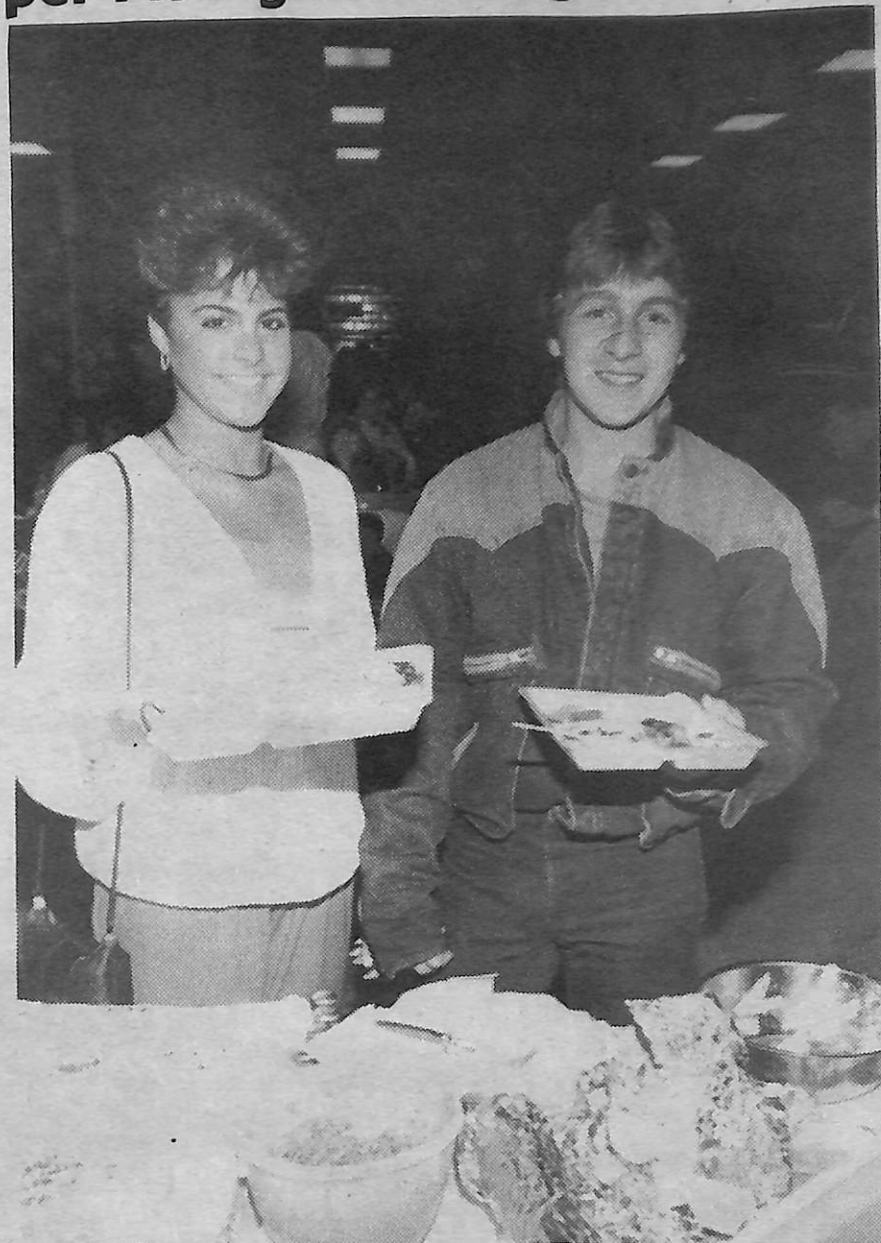
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## International Pot Luck Supper At Agawam High



**AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS**, from left **Gina Dialessi, Cari Brown, and Abbie Sheehan** are pictured in traditional attire for last week's International Pot Luck Supper at AHS, in observance of National Foreign Language Week. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



**KRISTINA CANDIDO and JOHN MARTIN** sample some of the international foods available at Agawam High School, Thursday, March 6th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

### Agawam Schools' Lunch Menus

**Monday, March 17th:** St. Patrick's Day. Pizza with cheese topping, tossed garden salad with spinach greens and Irish dressing, chilled pears in syrup, or pistachio pudding with green topping, milk.

**Tuesday, March 18th:** Steamed frankfort in roll, oven baked beans, buttered carrots, applesauce or blueberry cake with icing, milk.

**Wednesday, March 19th:** Spaghetti with meat sauce, buttered green beans, buttered Italian bread, apple crisp, milk.

**Thursday, March 20th:** Orange juice, cold meat and cheese sandwich in roll with lettuce, buttered niblet corn, white cake with hot fudge sauce, milk.

**Friday, March 21st:** Chicken vegetable soup, ½ chicken salad sandwich, ½ peanut butter sandwich, oven potato puffs with catsup, chocolate pudding with topping, milk.

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## Phelps PTO Plans "Teacher Appreciation Day"

On Thursday, March 20th, Phelps School PTO is having a "Teacher's Appreciation Day." After last year's huge success, the PTO has decided to honor school teachers again. The PTO is looking for volunteers to spend a few minutes with a class or group of children to give the teachers a short break.

You can read a story, do an art lesson, or share your hobby, special skill, or interest. You can take over lunch or recess duty.

Any time you can donate on this special day will be greatly appreciated by all concerned. If you can help,

please call Fran Cornwell, 786-7159.

The PTO is honoring the following teachers: Catherine Gaudreau, Janis Noyes, Sylvia Sullivan, Gloria Sheiber, Patricia Kallfa, Jane Sauter, Janet Wysocki, Elizabeth Robinson, Robert Shea, Celia Ucella, Louis Spiro, Josette Bouchie, Nancy Hellquist, Bonnie Campbell, Nancy Tromblay, Susan Dukeshire, Joan Carra, Barbara Daborowski, Ann Bradford, Dorothy Hegarty, Sally Lowell, Christine Marek, Ted Tudryn, Thais Wright, Charlene Soverow, Ann Drinkwine, Marcia Scherpa, Barry Petty, and Janis Creeger.

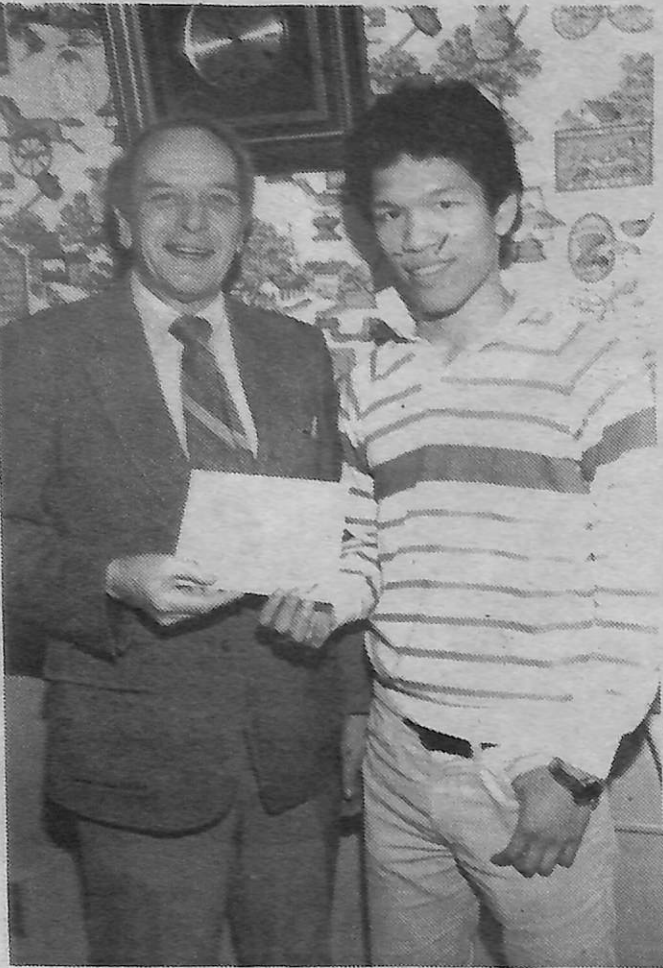
## Boy Scout Troop 70 Sponsors Pancake Breakfast

Troop 70 Boy Scouts of Feeding Hills, sponsored by the Springfield Turnverein, are having a Pancake Breakfast, Sunday, March 16th.

Servings will begin at 8:00 a.m., at the Springfield Turnverein, Garden Street, Feeding Hills. The breakfast will last until noon. No reservations are necessary. All tickets are available at the door.

Children under 12 are \$1 and adults are \$2 each. Breakfast includes pancakes, sausage, juice, and beverage.

All proceeds will be used to help defray the costs of summer camp to the Boy Scouts. The scouts attend summer camp every July at a cost of \$95 per boy.



**AHS SENIOR Curtis Wu receives "Certificate of Merit" from guidance counselor John Porter for attaining finalist standing in the National Merit Scholarship Program. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.**

## Curtis Wu Named As National Finalist

by Alexis Ferioli  
School Department Editor

Agawam High School Principal John Morrissey today announced that senior Curtis Wu has attained finalist standing in the 1986 National Merit Scholarship Program.

Morrissey points out that the process of choosing approximately 5,800 merit scholars from among some 13,500 highly-qualified finalists is now underway. Winners will be notified of Merit Scholarship offers during March and April.

He notes that although AHS has had finalists in the past, it has been quite some time since a local student has attained the prestigious standing.

Moreover, Morrissey reports that Wu was recently notified by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology that he has been accepted for admission as a member of the 1986-87 freshman class under the school's early decision program.

Wu, who is considering a career as either an electrical or aeronautical engineer, relates that this is the second year he has been named a finalist in the National Merit Scholarship Program.

He explains that since he originally planned to graduate from AHS a year early, he was allowed to take the Pre-Scholastic Aptitude Tests in his sophomore year.

However, after deciding to graduate with his class, Curtis was allowed to use his junior year S.A.T. scores for this year's competition.

While at AHS, the industrious 17 year-old not only has kept busy taking advanced placement courses in history, chemistry, and English, but also has taken math courses at Western New England College. These include Calculus I and II as well as Differential Equations.

This year's vice-president of the National Honor Society, Wu is also co-editor of the school's literary magazine *Unicorn* and secretary of the American Field Service club (AFS).

Moreover, he is an active member of the Marching Mohawks Band, As Schools Match Wits team, and academic decathlon team.

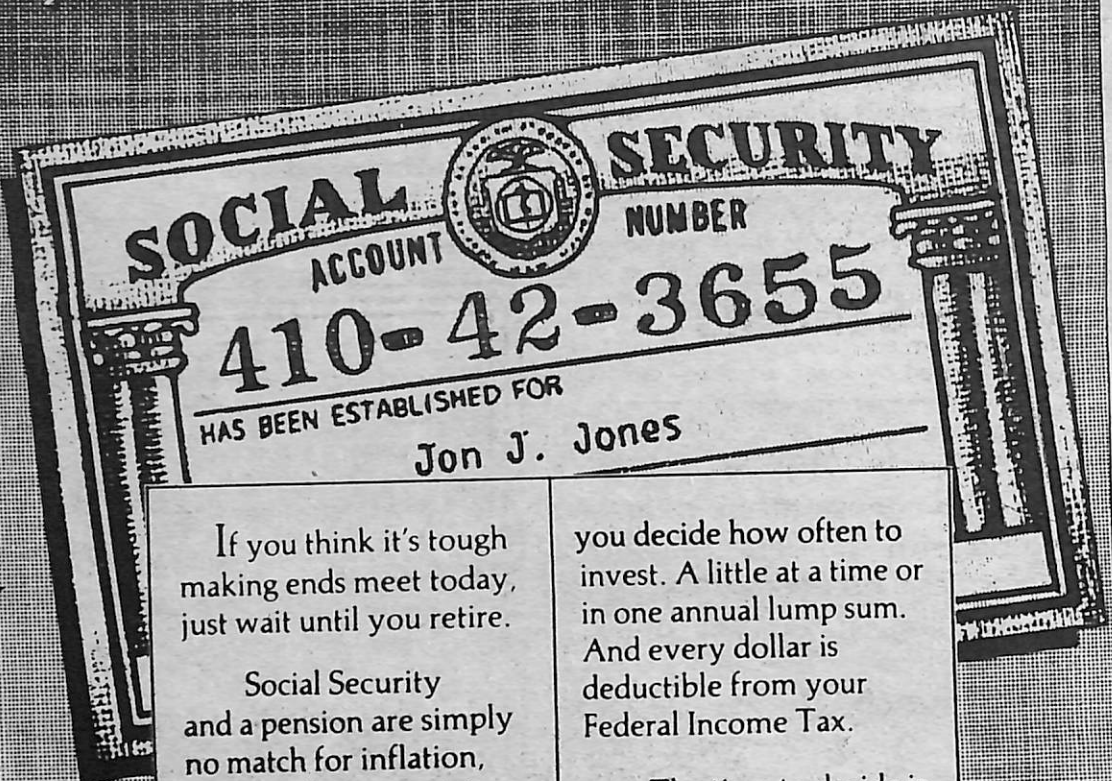
A part-time employee of Buxton, Inc. (until his recent lay-off), Wu also finds time to play on the school's varsity tennis team.

The ambitious senior says that although his best subject is math, his favorite is history.

When not studying or participating in extracurricular activities, Wu enjoys skiing and reading.

The son of Houg & Florence Wu of Forest Road, Wu has two older brothers, Barry, 21, who is attending Boston University, and Arthur, 24, who is working towards his doctoral degree at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, New York.

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## AHS Show Choir & Jazz Dancers Pay Call On Southwick High

by Cheryl Bruno  
Advertiser News Feature Writer

Southwick: The rewards of reporting for this newspaper are many, and we have had the pleasure of meeting many wonderful people.

On Wednesday, March 5th, we had the opportunity to meet and listen to the 45-member Agawam High School Show Choir and Jazz Dancers, and meet their director, Steve Files. The groups were invited guests of Joyce Dintzner, Woodland School music director, and music teacher at the high school.

In an attempt to organize a Show Choir at Southwick High, Mrs. Dintzner invited the neighboring Agawam High performers to show Southwick students just what can be accomplished through talent, dedication, hard work, and a love of music.

The Agawam High Show Choir combines voice and choreography to delight your sense of sight and hearing. Mrs. Ellen Poulin, an English teacher at Agawam High, and several recent graduates accompanied the group to choreograph several of the selected numbers.

### "Let The Sun Shine In"

Agawam students arrived in Southwick early and spent an hour-and-a-half setting up their technical equipment. The show choir was ready to perform, the energy level was high, and sparks flew in the Southwick High School auditorium as the curtain rose to "Let The Sun Shine In."

Pre-schoolers, Woodland third graders, Powder Mill seventh and eighth graders, and members of the Southwick High band, vocal ensemble and music theory classes, cheered and applauded as Kim Leask and Michelle Czupta sang Stevie Nicks' top hit, "Talk To Me."

The multi-talented group, singers, dancers and actors, performed a medley of tunes from the popular Broadway musical, "A Chorus Line." They exude professionalism, and have a stage presence far beyond their years. The smiling faces told the real story; each member of the show choir thoroughly enjoys their "work."

The group presents a handsome picture; gentlemen attired in black pants, white tuxedo shirts, red bow ties and cummerbunds; and young ladies in sharp red, black, and white jumpsuits.

Tony Josef and Michelle Czupta were next on stage, and beautifully performed "Love Me Tonight," an original tune composed by Josef, an Agawam High



**AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL SHOW CHOIR MEMBERS, from left - Lisa Kozel, Michelle Blanchard, Terri Labonte, Wayne Perry, Steve Ryan, Michele Ricco, Vicki McCarthy, Dave Andry, Bob Fazio, Linda Groom, Tina Forgues, Doug Lush, and Brian Pioggia perform for members of the Southwick High School student body, Wednesday, March 5th.** Advertiser News photo by R.T. McMullen.

senior.

Files explained to the Southwick audience that show choir is part of the Agawam High curriculum and participants receive five credits. Members rehearse every day and participate in a three-hour rehearsal each Wednesday evening. He added that in order to become a member, students, grades 10 to 12, must audition and try-out for a spot. "We go on tour," said Files, "participate at competitions, and have been to Wildwood, New Jersey, and Montreal, and will be going to New York City to see "Cats" in the spring."

The Agawam High Show Choir and Jazz Dancers are a tribute to Files, the high school music program, and the entire Agawam School System. We spoke to Agawam High senior Cori Buoniconti, who has been associated with the show choir for the past three years. "We're like a big family," said Cori. "We've grown together and learned from each other. Mr. Files expects

a lot from us and he motivates us. He's just an excellent director."

### Solo Performances

The program continued with a solo performance by Wayne Perry, "The Bird." Agawam High's jazz dancers backed up Perry with an abundance of talent, personality, and charisma.

"Emergency," sung by Brian Pioggia and accompanied by the Jazz dancers and Wayne Perry, was the show's finale.

Files thanked Mrs. Dintzner for her invitation and asked the audience to spread the word about the formation of a show choir at Southwick High.

Due to popular demand, the show choir extended their performance for one more show-stopping number, "Neutron Dance." The audience joined in and put their hands together to the beat.



**FACULTY DIRECTOR STEVE FILES (front-center) paces the stage as his Agawam High Show Choir and Jazz Dancers put on this rather impressive number, Wednesday, March 5th, at Southwick High.** Advertiser News photo by R.T. McMullen.



## AHS Show Choir & Jazz Dancers Again Sparkle



**FACULTY DIRECTOR STEVE FILES** introduces a number at Southwick High School.



**LYNN PANDOLPHI, KIM LEASK, and JENNIFER HERD** bang-out a tune for the Southwick High student body in a special performance.



**RIGHT IN STEP** with the beat are members of the AHS Show Choir Wayne Perry and Dave Fazio.



**SWINGING TO THE BEAT** are Kara Tebaldi and Vicki McCarthy, both members of the Agawam High School Show Choir & Jazz Dancers group.



**LYNN PANDOLPHI, NORA LLOYD, and LINDA GROOM** swing and sway to a tune presented for the enjoyment of the Southwick High School student body.

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## Marching Mohawks Hold Awards Banquet

The Annual Award Banquet for members of the Agawam High School Marching Mohawks was held Wednesday, March 5th, at the Polish American Club Pavilion, with members of that organization providing a fine dinner for about 250 people, including band and color guard members and their families.

AHS Color Guard awards, consisting of special charm pins, were presented to members of that group, with first year members receiving one with crossed orange and brown flags. Second year members of color guard receive a charm with an Indian head, while third year members receive a charm with crossed American flags.

Band members receive felt music lyres with the school "A" for their first year of marching with the senior high, service bars for each additional year, and finally, senior class members receive a larger chenille emblem.

Both band and color guard members also take part in a ballot-box for special individual awards.

Special band ribbons are given to members of band who have won positions in All-Western Massachusetts, All-State, and All-New England Honor groups. Picture plaques were awarded to color guard captains and drum majors, who were at the head table, as were all of the band officers along with directors, and Mr. & Mrs. James Martone from the band parents. Faculty members Barry Petty and Darcy Davis also received gifts from student members and band parents.

For many years, a pot-luck supper was organized by the parents. This year's change of format allowed the parents to be able to sit down and enjoy the supper instead of working in the kitchen for the evening.

## Marching Mohawks In Worcester Parade

The Agawam High School Marching Mohawks Band and Color Guard will begin the spring season by taking part in the Worcester St. Patrick's Day Parade, Sunday, March 16th, at 12:30 p.m., on Park Avenue in that city.

The following week the group will take part in the Holyoke St. Patrick's Day Parade, as they have for many years. The group was informed that because the parade is getting so large, it was difficult to fit them all into the television time. A drawing was held to determine which high school bands would be invited. Agawam's name did not get drawn, but the band was included in the Agawam town contingent with town officials, so the Marching Mohawks will be included in this year's parade again.

The Marching Mohawks will journey to Virginia Beach, May 8th to 11th, for the "Dixie Classic" Band Festival and will be competing with many southern bands in several areas, including field contest, parade, concert band, and jazz band.

On Sunday, May 18th, the band will take part in Springfield's 350th Anniversary Parade. On Monday, May 26th, the band will participate in the Agawam Memorial Day Parade.

## Boy Scout Troop 75 To Hold Sign-Ups

Boy Scout Troop 75, sponsored by Sacred Heart Church, Feeding Hills, is holding a sign-up night.

If your son is interested in Boy Scouting and would like to go camping and to summer camp, sign him up now with Troop 75.

John Brames is the Scoutmaster for Troop 75 and also Webelos Leader for Cub Pack 75.

You can join from any area where you live. For more information, call 786-1547.

## Science Museum To Conduct Halley's Comet Observations

In the very early morning hours of March 15th, 16th, 22nd, and 23rd, the Springfield Science Museum will conduct outdoor Halley's Comet observation sessions. Previous sessions drew large crowds, and the comet was sighted each time. Observers are invited to meet at the museum at 2:45 a.m., Saturday, March 15th and Sunday, March 16th, and at 2:15 a.m. on March 22nd and 23rd. Maps and directions to a choice viewing spot will be distributed. This will be one of the last chances to see the comet for 76 years.

To prepare for this event, dress very warmly and bring binoculars and a flashlight with red cellophane

covering the lighted end. Although the comet will be visible to the naked eye under optimum conditions, binoculars are strongly recommended. The museum will provide a telescope as well.

Patrick Rowan, physical science assistant at the museum, will be the group leader. He will provide star maps indicating the comet's location and help people spot it in the sky. Mars and Saturn will also be visible.

If it is overcast, the sessions will be cancelled. The sessions are free. Children must be accompanied by an adult. For further information, please call the museum, 733-1194.

## Agawam Students Make UMass Dean's List

Dean of Students William F. Field has announced the names of students who qualified for the Dean's List for the 1985 fall semester at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst.

In order to qualify, an undergraduate student must receive a 3.5 grade point average or better, on a four point scale.

In a statement in the *Collegian*, the student newspaper, Chancellor Joseph Duffey said, "Because fewer than 15 percent meets this high standard, making the Dean's List marks significant accomplishment. This academic honor is a source of pride to the entire university community."

The following Agawam-Feeding Hills students were named to the University of Massachusetts at Amherst Dean's List for the 1985 fall semester:

From Agawam: James J. Baptiste, 35 Suffield Street; Kimberly A. Corriveau, 89 Pineview Circle; Karen A. Cosimini, 90 Woodside Drive; Andrea L. Donabed, 61 Pineview Circle; and Elizabeth M. Doran, 21 Laura Circle.

From Feeding Hills: Denise M. Fisher, 116 Liberty Street; Kelly A. McNamee, 100 Sylvan Lane; and Kara J. O'Connell, 220 Maynard Street.

## Ag. Parks & Rec. Dept. Offers Youth Baton Lessons

Registration for Youth Baton will be accepted at the Agawam Recreation Office located at the Agawam High School (right rear driveway) daily, Monday to Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**SESSION:** April 4th to May 30th (no class April 25th).

**TIME:** Fridays, 3:45 to 4:30 p.m.

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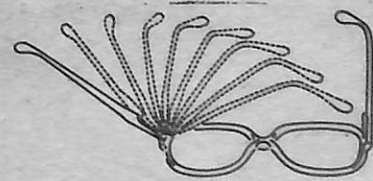
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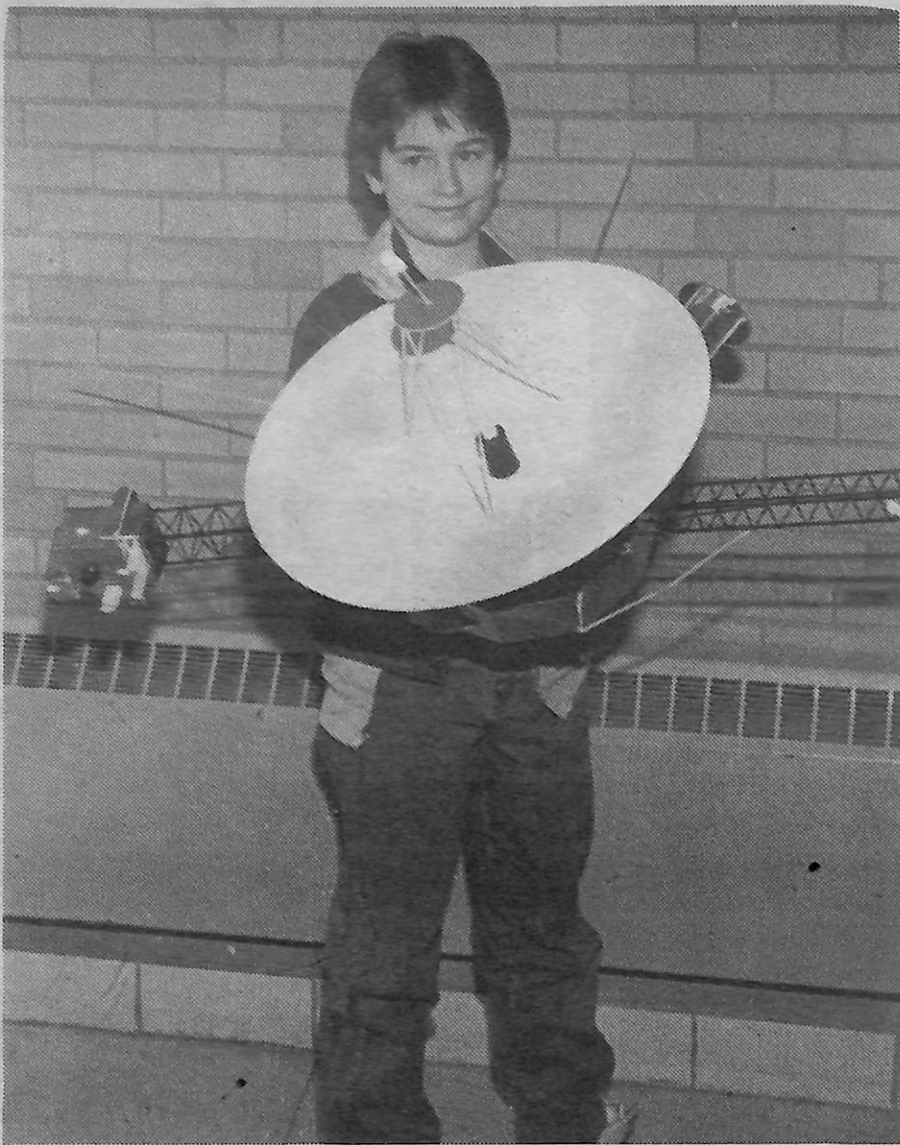
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**AT THE AGAWAM MIDDLE SCHOOL LAST WEEK,** seventh grader Philip Gaylor won first prize in the Annual Science Fair for his ingenious replica of the U.S. Spacecraft Voyager. The faculty member in-charge of the event is Mark Costanzi, a science teacher at the school. About 300 projects were entered. While seventh graders were involved in the majority of the projects, sixth graders were also encouraged to participate. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



**THIS CONTRAPTION,** a water wheel, was constructed by Jeffrey Lewis, also a seventh grader of the Agawam Middle School. Jeffrey won second place for his efforts.

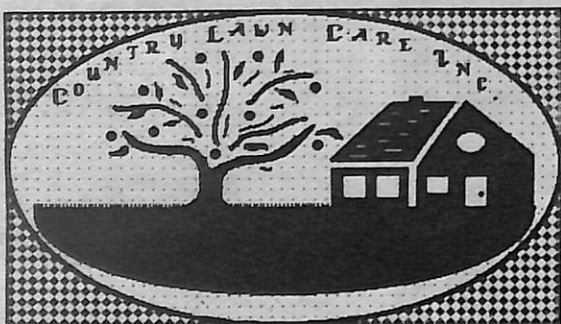
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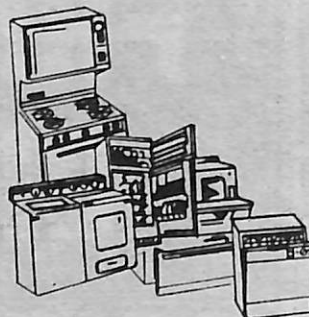
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**THIRD & FOUR PLACE WINNERS** in the middle school's Annual Science Fair were, back row, from left - Robert Fillion, Brian Hill, Robert Martin, Matt Dessereau, Sharon Phaneuf, Maura Martin, Cindy Jabry, and Jessica Navick. Front row - Dorothy Mazeika, Christina Bianca, Alana Quintal, Sandra Albano, Michele Desilets, Carrie Piccoli, and Shannon O'Keefe. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



**AUDRA WHITE** was also a first place winner in the Agawam Middle School's Annual Science Fair with her project that showed the "Effects of Smoking Cigarettes" on the human body. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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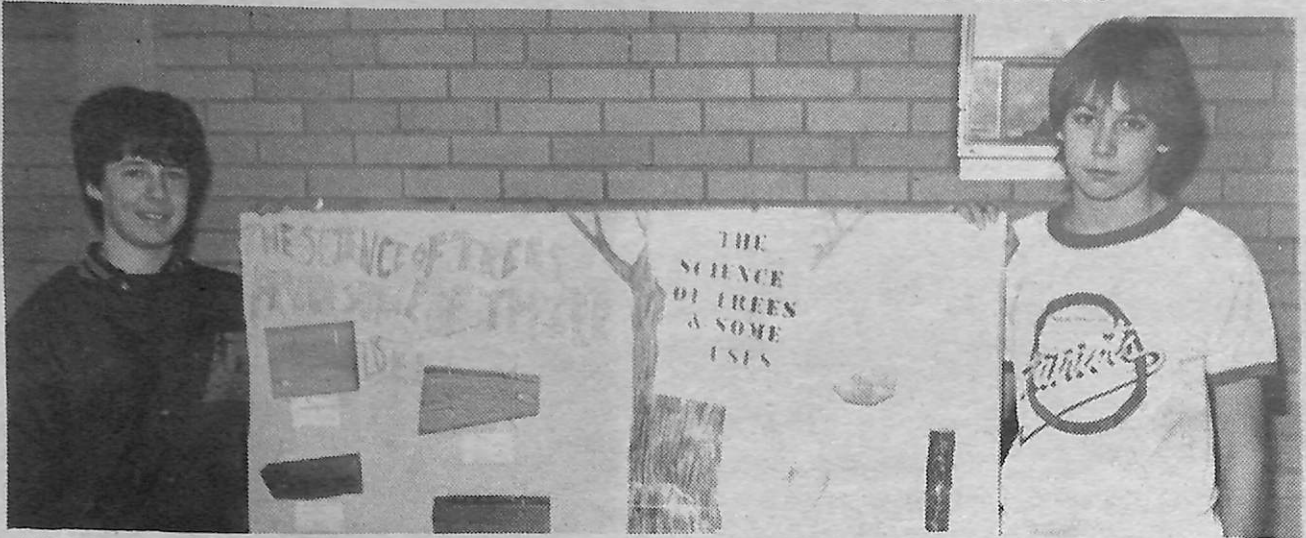
Riverside employees are preparing to help you shake off the cold and warm up your spirits with surprises, exciting shows, plenty of good food and new rides for the start of the 1986 season.

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Riverside opens weekends beginning March 29th, celebrating Easter weekend. Come and be greeted by the Easter Bunny and enjoy Easter Sunday by participating in an Easter egg hunt and win special prizes. Riverside is located on Route 159, Agawam.

## "The Science Of Trees & Some Uses..."



MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS Scott Ciak and Chris Thornton were second prize winners in the Annual Science Fair, held last week at the Agawam Middle School. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Library Gets Arts Grant

The Agawam Public Library has received an art lottery grant from the Agawam Arts & Humanities Council and is now accepting applications from Agawam artists for display of their work in the library gallery.

Exhibits of the selected artists will be displayed in the library gallery every six to eight weeks, concluding with a special showing from each of the artists.

Lottery grant funds will be used to purchase a number of pieces from the exhibits for the Agawam Public Library's circulating art collection. These pieces will be chosen by a panel of judges.

The project, entitled "Agawam Presents Art," will feature fine art based on originality, workmanship, and technique. The director of this project is Beverly B. Secondo.

Applications and further information may be obtained at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street, or by calling the library, 789-1550.

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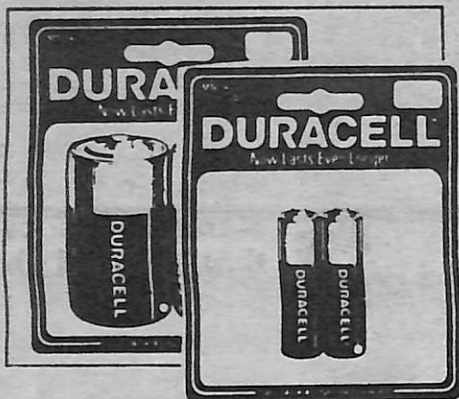
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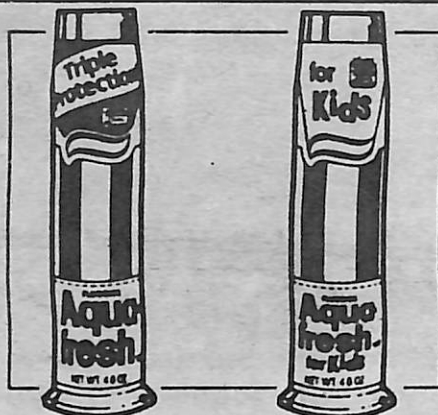
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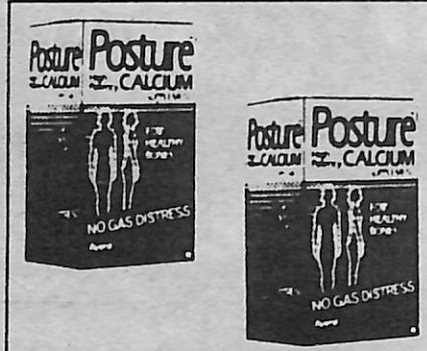
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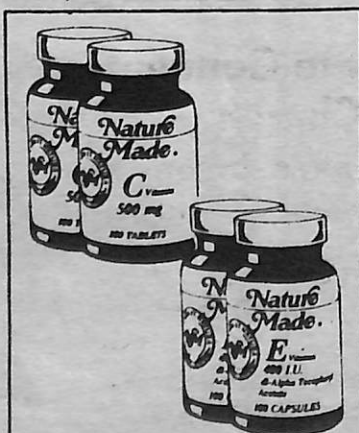
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# Sports

## Booster Club Fetes AHS Wrestlers At Annual Banquet

The Agawam High School Wrestling Booster Club sponsored its Annual Banquet, Sunday, March 9th, at the Polish American Club, Feeding Hills, to honor the Division I regular-season schoolboy champion Brownies.

The Brownies, under the guidance of veteran coach Phil Tomkiel, compiled a 9-1 overall record for the 1985-86 season, including a perfect 9-0 record in Division I. It was the first regular season championship for the locals.

At the Western Mass. Wrestling Tournament held at Agawam High School, the Brownies finished second, repeating their 1984-85 performance at the tourney.

Among the honored guests were guidance counselor Paul Cavallo, master of ceremonies, and his wife, Joan; Clifford Kibbe, athletic director, and his wife, Virginia; Gary Geiger, assistant wrestling coach; Phil Tomkiel, head coach, and his wife, Diane, and daughters Elizabeth and Melissa; and team statisticians Sue Fassnacht and Sue Girard; and the championship 40-member team.

Tomkiel received special recognition for registering his 100th career schoolboy coaching victory at Agawam High.

Of course, the purpose of this event was to honor all the wrestlers for their participation in a sport which demands great determination, self-discipline, and self-denial.

Special awards were presented to the graduating seniors for their individual accomplishments. This year's seniors are Barry Felix, Dave Squeglia, Glen Tetreault, Jim Maloney, Mike Mendes, Benny Rocca, and Chris White. White was the recipient of the "Most Outstanding Senior Award."

The booster club presented the team with new warm-up jackets as well as a championship banner to be hung in the school's gym.

Booster club officers for the season were also recognized: Ernie Tetreault, president; Ron Wieners, vice-president; Ellis Langone, treasurer; Marie Mazza, secretary; and Jean Felix, ways and means chairwoman.

The booster club has made available a minimum of \$50 towards the registration fees to wrestling camp this summer to any AHS wrestler who wishes to attend. It is advised that those interested contact Tomkiel or Wieners (786-6633) as soon as possible.

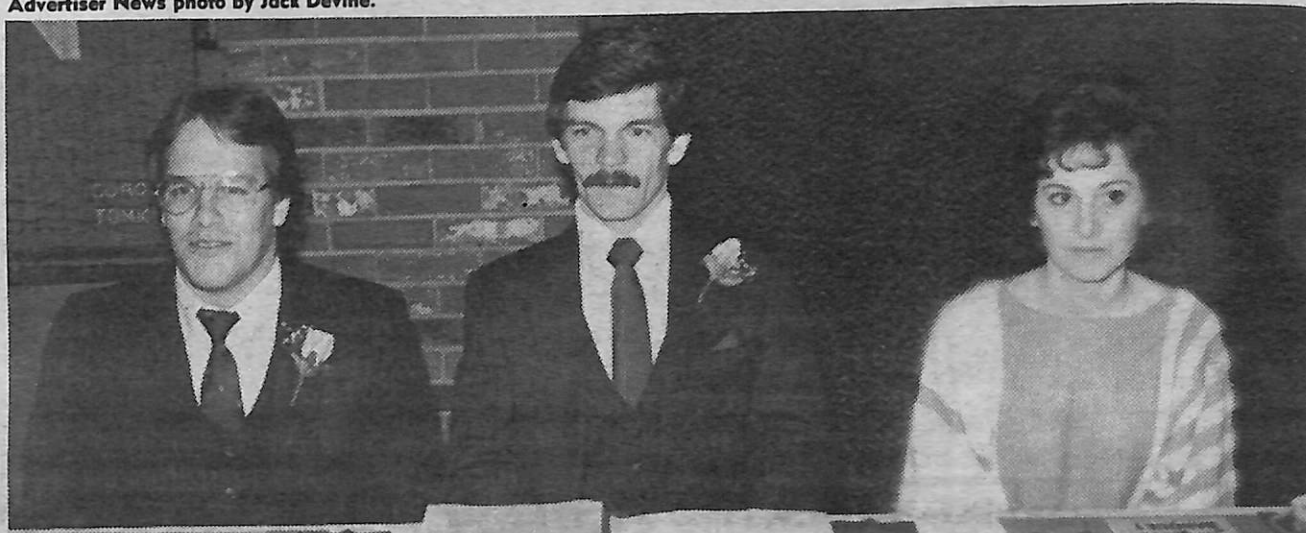
There is a limited number of registrations accepted and time is running out to sign-up.

The booster club also extends its sincere appreciation to the Polish American Club for use of the club's fine facilities.



**SENIOR MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL varsity wrestling team are, back row, from left - Dave Squeglia, Glen Tetreault, Barry Felix, and Chris White. Front row, from left - Benny Rocca, Tony Ingham, and Jim Maloney.**

Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



**ONE END OF THE HEAD TABLE at the Agawam High School Wrestling Banquet, Sunday, March 2nd, were, from left - Gary Geiger, assistant coach; and Phil & Diane Tomkiel. Phil is the varsity wrestling coach. He registered his 100th career victory at Agawam High this past season.** Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



**THE OTHER END OF THE HEAD TABLE consisted of, from left - Paul and Joan Cavallo, (Paul was the master of ceremonies and is a guidance counselor at the high school); and Virginia & Cliff Kibbe (Cliff is the athletic director).**

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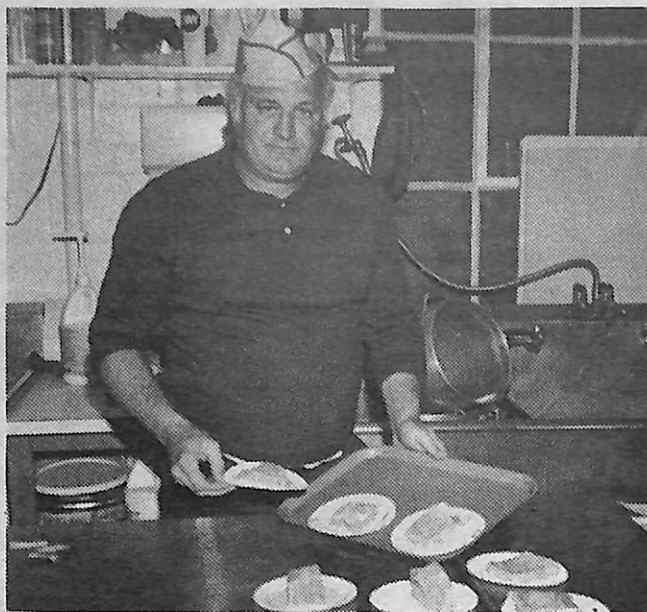
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CATHERINE GUEVIN and BETH LACIENSKI, members of the Agawam Athletic Association, enjoy their lunch at the Lions Den at the Eastern States Exposition. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



AGAWAM LIONS CLUB MEMBER and owner of Collins Construction, George Collins, prepares food for a special luncheon for all members of the Agawam Athletic Association's girls' 8-11 league, Saturday, March 2nd. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Collins Construction AAA 8-11 Winners

The 8-11 year-old girls' basketball program of the Agawam Athletic Association concluded its season, Saturday, March 2nd.

This year, the AAA fielded four teams in the league, including Collins Construction, Polish Club, Voortman Cookies, and Richard Aldrich Insurance.

Collins Construction finished the season undefeated. Coached by Kate Martin, the girls improved week-to-week under Mrs. Martin's guidance, winning the league rather handily.

After all games had been completed on the final week, players on all four teams were treated to a ziti and meatball lunch, as well as cake and ice cream, at the Agawam Lions Club's "Lion's Den" at the Eastern State Exposition.

The AAA extends a special thank-you to Collins Construction for its generosity and involvement in the luncheon.

Commissioner Barbara Goehlert would like to thank all those involved for making this year's 8-11 girls' program again a success.

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A LARGE GROUP OF PLAYERS and coaches in the AAA's 8-11 girls' league converged on the Lion's Den at the Eastern States Exposition to celebrate the end of the league's 1985-86 basketball season. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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## St. Mike's Continues Torrid Win Streak In Tri-Parish Bowling

After four weeks of rolling in Round Three of the Monday night Tri-Parish Bowling League at the Agawam Bowl, St. Michael has won 15 of 16 games and four straight matches to continue to head the pack.

Round One winner Boston College (2nd place-12½ wins) are next in line, followed by resurgent Notre Dame (3rd place-11½ wins).

St. Mike's swept past poor Loyola, four games to none (last place-1 win) in its latest outing. St. Mike's winners were PAULINE DEPALO (289), GINNY BENJAMIN (278-274 over MAYBETH "Miss Consistent" COUGHLIN), and captain MIKE O'CONNELL (323). O'Connell has been on a roll of late and it shows in his team's new winning ways. Continuing to have all kinds of problems is Loyola captain EDDIE ANDERSON (298). The lone Loyola winner was RON HAMEL (287), our local jewelry expert from Letalien Jewelers.

Boston College damaged Fordham's (5th place-9 wins) bid to move closer to first place, three games to one. BC seems to be gearing-up for the upcoming Grand Championships in May. BC winners were PAT RESCIGNO (262), SANDY PRZESZLO (314), and captain BOBBY MOCCIO (329). He defeated substitute captain ROBERT TASSINARI (good 306-ANN O'CONNELL was out). The big Fordham winner was RICHIE SNYDER (348). He completely destroyed TONY DEPALO by 96 pins. Amazingly, all this did was give Fordham one win.

Notre Dame laid the hardwood to Villanova (7th place-7 wins), the team that never did recover from its heart-breaking Round One title-loss to BC. ND winners were PEG TASSINARI (287), ESTHER DEPALO (276), RENEE JURY (327), and JOHN RESCIGNO (332). This was a very fine match as Villanova anchorman STEVE ROVITHIS hit a 331 in a losing effort to Rescigno, and FRANK "The Lordly Barber" RESCIGNO had a good 311. However, Frankie's team once again took its lumps.

St. Anselm took a giant stride into the first division (4th place-9 wins) by ousting sagging Holy Cross (9th place-6 wins), four wins to none. St. A's winners were GAIL BLAIR (263) and Ramblin' RAY BARBIERI (338), that former Agawam High basketball bruiser. A marvelous match between HC's DANA PEPPER and KATHY PRZESZLO had to be one of the night's best for the women. Dana rolled a 340 and Kathy a 322. In the battle of the captains, HC's STU STORK outdueled VI MASSOIA, 309-303. The huge difference in this match was Barbieri defeating his opponent by 46 pins, while Gail Blair led-off with an 18-pin victory over her opponent.

St. Louis (6th place-7 wins), the defending Grand Champions, continues to have its problems after splitting with Catholic University (8th place-6½ wins). St. Lou winners were FELIX PEPPER (287), STELLA BARBIERI (295), MIKE O'CONNELL, Jr. (316) of the O'Connell bowling family, and captain DEBBIE POIRIER (335). Still, St. Lou could do no better than a split.

In this exciting match, Debbie defeated her brother, JIM SNYDER (305), the CU captain.

Georgetown is still on vacation after winning Round One. G-Town (10th place-6 wins) split with St. Mary (11th place-5½ wins). There wasn't much to cheer about in the match except that G-Town captain AL "The Fearsome One" MOCCIO (328) jumped past St. Mary's substitute captain JOHN O'CONNELL (FRED MORASSI is still vacationing in Florida).

Other winners were JAY LAGODITZ (259), STEVE DEVANEY (287), and CHERYL PRZESZLO (288).



**Sportsman's Corner**  
by Bill Chiba  
Outdoor Sports Writer

## Gun Hearings

The Gun Hearings, as they are called, are actually a public hearing held by the joint Massachusetts (i.e. House and Senate) Committee on Public Safety.

The committee reviews all bills relating to the same topic, then considers them all on the same day at a public hearing. Thus, we have the Gun Hearings. This year's important public hearing is set for Wednesday, March 26th, at 11:00 a.m., in State House, Room 437.

A host of bills to ban guns: all guns, all handguns, or certain handguns, will be heard March 26th, as will bills to require "testing" prior to license issuance.

However, the most controversial bills by far will be two bills reforming handgun licensing procedure. These are the "Goal-fled Fair Licensing Bill (H.1695) and a bill filed by Senator William R. Keating (Keating sabotaged the Fair Licensing Bill in the Senate in 1985),

but which has not yet been assigned a number.

After the public hearing, the committee will issue either a "Favorable" or "Adverse" report on each bill. To a large extent, the committee bases these reports "On What They See And Hear At The Public Hearing." That's why it is so important that gun owners make a good showing. If the "Fair Licensing Bill" receives anything but a favorable report from this committee, its chances for passage will be slim.

There are over 1.5 million gun owners in the state of Massachusetts, and it amazes me that we have to go

through this fight every year.

If the gun owners would get off their butts, register to vote, and become angry enough to realize that their civil right to own a gun is threatened by a minority of people (who have the facility to band together and seriously threaten the civil right of every law abiding citizen in Massachusetts).

So, it boils down to the simple fact that if you are a gun owner and you resent the pressure of the anti-gun group to take away your civil right to own a gun, attend the gun hearings.

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Mawaga Sporting Club, Inc., 1986 officers are: President, Bernie Paine, Jr.; Vice-President, Terry Letellier; Financial Secretary, Bernie Paine, Sr.; Treasurer, Bernie Paine, Jr.; and the Recording Secretary, Bob Rancore.

The board of directors of the club are: Frank Pignatara, Ralph Webster, Woodrow Roberts, Woody Dezielle, Harry Camyre, John Ferioli, and William Raymond. There are openings in the club for new memberships. Applications can be picked up at the club house.

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Jim Stefanik of the Fish & Game Committee has set the date of this year's Fishing Derby for Sunday, April 13th, between 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Breakfast is from 7:00 to 10:00 a.m.

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The Annual 1986 Banquet will be held at the club house Friday, April 11th. The cost per ticket is \$12 and can be picked up at Pignatara's Service Center in Agawam or from any Mawaga officer.

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The Agawam Sportsman's Club, Inc., is holding Turkey Shoots every Sunday through April. The club will host a Turkey Seminar, Wednesday, March 19th, with Jim Bolduc, president of the Massachusetts Wild Turkey Federation, doing the calling and explaining the necessary equipment and knowledge for bagging a turkey this year in Massachusetts. The program commences at 7:30 p.m.

## Smus Leads MidTown Rollers With 398 Score

Dick Smus led all bowlers in the MidTown Monday Night Pro League with a 398 series (140-133-125) as the Polish American Club of Agawam won two-of-three from Valenti's Restaurant, also of Agawam.

John Stefanik (156-389) paced Tiffany's to a 3-0 sweep of Murphy's Pop Stop.

Bill O'Brien rolled a 368 series as Springfield Police Association won two-of-three from MidTown.

Bob Harkins hit a 342 series to help the Rollaway upend Jack & Harry's Garage, 2-1.

Other high scorers for the evening were: George Lecuyer, 364; Al Johnson, 363; Rory Santaniello, 362;

Charlie Jutras, 348; Joe Wheelock, 348; and Charlie Hill, 346.

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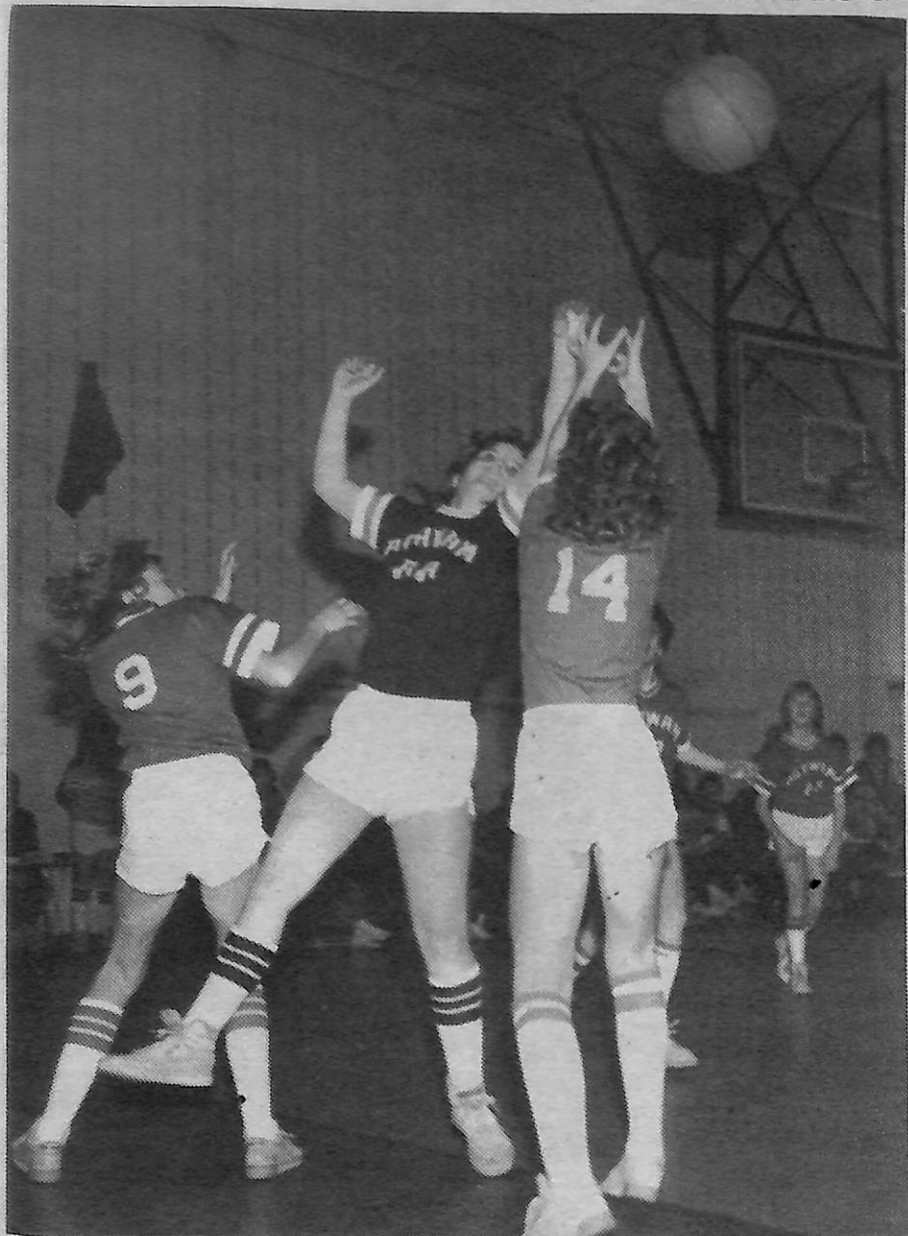
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# AAA 8-11 Girls' Basketball Action From Last Weekend



EMILY ANSPACH (9) and BETH SCHRODER (14) battle for the ball against Molly Moriarty in action from the Agawam Athletic Association's girls' 8-11 basketball league last weekend. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



GIVE ME BACK THAT BALL - says Amy Marcotte to Molly Moriarty in AAA girls' basketball action last weekend. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

## Agawam AA Final Basketball Standings

Girls 8-11		
Collins Construction	10	0
Polish Club	4	6
Aldrich Insurance	3	7
Voortman Cookies	3	7
Boys 8-10 Dominic Morassi League American Division		
Curran Jones	10	0
Christy's Plumbing	8	2
Abbott Tax	6	4
Gino's Package Store	6	4
Polish Club	0	10
National Division		
Aldrich Insurance	6	4
Provin Mt. Farm	6	4
F.H. Pharmacy	4	6
Collegian Court	2	8
Pioneer Valley Auto Parts	2	8
Boys 10-12		
Grimaldi & Burzduk	9	1
Polish Club	9	1
McCarthy Tile	4	6
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Boys 13-15		
Polish Club	9	1
Provin Mt. Farm	8	2
Lunden Construction	6	4
Aldrich Insurance	5	5
Collins Construction	2	8
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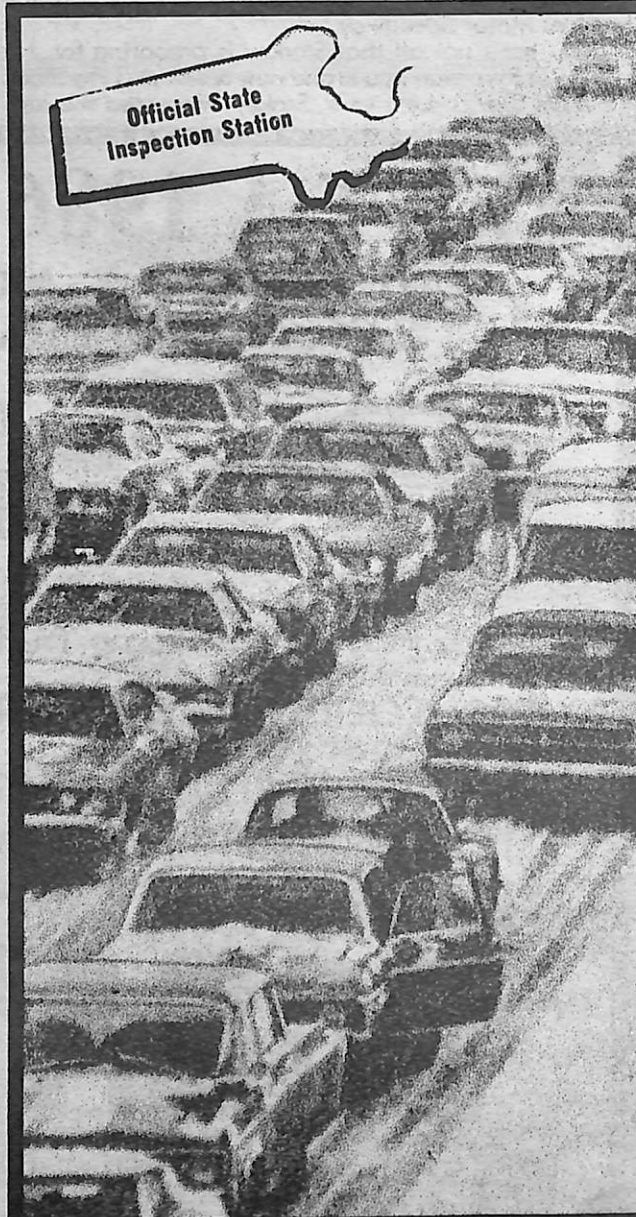
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## Bay West Hockey 6-9 B Team Champions Of Mite/Atom Tournament

### Cliff Starkey Looking Forward To Riverside

In about two weeks the Nascar Winston Racing Series will again open at a new Riverside Park Speedway, Saturday, March 29th. The seasonal opener will feature Nascar Modifieds in a special Eagle Snacks 100 lap event.

Joining the Modifieds will be the popular Street Stock Division, perhaps Riverside's most exciting division. With the Budweiser Bonus Money up for grabs, there will be several newcomers to challenge the track's reliable veterans.

One of the competitors that will be venturing to Riverside to do double duty will be Cliff Stakey of Southington, Connecticut.

Stakey is a four-year veteran of the Street Stock Division. He has a record of having a great deal of success at the Stafford Motor Speedway where he was honored as the "Most Improved Street Stock Driver" of 1985. The popular Stakey will again pilot a newly-revamped Chevelle. For 1986, Stakey is looking for a title at the Stafford Motor Speedway.

Still, that's not all that Stakey is preparing for. He will be at Riverside in a brand new revamped Pro Stock for Mike Cianci. Last year, Stakey impressed the fans

at Riverside with several top finishes in the Pro Stock Division in a car that was actually the original Riverside Pro Stock Project car.

The new Stakey car will also wear the familiar 66 and will be a strong challenger. On Saturday, April 5th, the Pro Stocks will run their first event at the new Riverside Park Speedway. The race will be sponsored by Century Subaru and will consist of 25 laps for these sleek and exotic machines that appear like mid-western ASA type cars.

Riverside's Pro Stock Division runs for a posted purse of \$600 for first; \$400 for second; \$300, third; \$220, fourth; and \$195, fifth. Any car starting a feature is guaranteed at least \$70, as well as heat bonus money from local sponsors.

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## Bay West 6-9 B Team Champions Of Mites

Combining aggressive hockey with excellent skating ability, the Bay West 6-9 B Team won the championship in the Mite/Atom Tournament, March 1st and 2nd in Greenfield.

The team won the three preliminary games against Windsor, Connecticut, Brattleboro, Vermont, and Tri City, Massachusetts.

Playing strong defense which allowed only 17 shots on goal throughout the entire tournament, and accurate goaltending by goalie Chris Newbrough, the team entered the championship game against the WTM Junior Indians, winning 8-1.

The top goal scorer in the tournament was Eric Mastroianni, followed by Brandon Parrelli, Tino Liebro, Paul Braccialarghe, Matthew Disco, Ryan Hutchinson, and Steven Willett.

Congratulations for a job well done to coaches Dan and Danny Willett. A special thanks also to the parents and many fans who came to show their support.

## D'Alessandro Figures To Challenge In 1986

Bruce D'Alessandro, at age 27, represents the new breed of aggressive talent that knows the value of marketing and its affect on auto racing in the New England market, especially at Riverside.

He has had a career in Modified racing that has been filled with ups and downs. Perhaps his most noted venture was being among the first to get a major sponsorship and then dealing with the disappointment caused from that sponsorship.

Yet, the same ingredients that associated him with the major company are the same that make D'Alessandro an attractive person in New England Auto Racing. He is more than marketable in appearance and in his presentation both on and off the race track.

That style and flair showed-up at Riverside Speedway when D'Alessandro and his impressive racework car was the obvious aggressive stand-out in all events.

However, that style and flair just didn't develop overnight and the D'Alessandro family have 27 years of effort invested in Riverside.

George D'Alessandro, Sr., advisor of the famed 123 Race Team, has been involved in Riverside racing as an owner, mechanic, and builder of cars since the 1950's. He has teamed and been involved with some of the best of them, like the champ himself: Buddy Krebs. George's proudest accomplishment is still the rising talents of his son, Bruce.

The young D'Alessandro himself has accomplished some impressive goals, such as Rookie of the Year winner at Waterford; Most Improved Winner, Riverside; and several top finishes at Riverside and Stafford. The unique thing about the team is that it has always campaigned a Mopar powered-car in a division dominated by Chevys. In fact, D'Alessandro's family will go into the record books as the last to run a Mopar.

For 1986, he has sold his racework-built Dodge Charger and plans to drive a new Troyer car for Richie's AMOCO that could make him a leading competitor for the 1986 Winston Racing Series Title at Riverside.

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## Agawam AA 1985-86 Girls' Suburban Basketball Head Coach - Rene Trudel

### AAA 5th-6th Graders Bow In Championships

The Agawam Athletic Association sponsored 5th-6th grade girls' suburban basketball team concluded its season, Saturday night, March 2nd, by losing the playoff championship game to West Springfield, 19-18.

The Agawam girls had reached the finals after defeating South Hadley (26-16) and Southampton (18-16).

In the championship game, the action was close from the opening whistle to the final buzzer as neither team was able to assume any control. West Side's ability to make its foul shots proved to be the difference.

Agawam had the ball with seconds remaining and a shot to win it all just before the buzzer hit the rim and bounced harmlessly away, much to the dismay of the

disappointed Agawam girls.

In its first campaign ever in the Suburban Basketball League, the AAA girls finished with a record of 15-5, good for second place in the league.

Coaches of the squad were Rene Trudel and John Godfrey. Team members included Laura Bielitz, Cheryl Collins, Krysten Godfrey, Kathy Gravel, Jennifer Lomolino, Silvana Manes, Sheila Martin, and Kim Trudel.

The team also extends its appreciation to the Agawam Athletic Association and especially Robert Hersey, vice-president of Suburban Sports for the AAA, for the opportunity to play in a competitive and fun-filled league, Trudel said.

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